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► Steve-O, from the Jackass movies, is taking part in event held by PETA at the Valley Zoo Friday to protest Lucy the elephant's living conditions. Steve-O is in town for his The Entirely Too Much Information Tour at the Comic Strip. See story, P.2.

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Doctor says he was forced out: CBC

► Lawsuit alleges he complained to Conservatives about wait times and inadequate resources for his patients ► CBC reports lawsuit was settled out of court

The CBC is reporting that a doctor sued the Edmonton health region authority and two senior managers in 2001 for allegedly smearing his reputation and forcing him out of his job.

The lawsuit alleged he complained to the Conservatives under then-premier Ralph Klein and senior bureaucrats about surgery wait times and inadequate resources for his patients.

The CBC says the lawsuit was settled out of court and the terms can't be disclosed due to a confidentiality agreement.

In his statement of claim, Dr. Ciaran (KEAR'-in) McNamee alleged that when he spoke out in 1999 about the adverse effects of health cuts, he was told "his advocacy would no longer be tolerated."

McNamee was the head of thoracic surgery for the Edmonton region at the time.

McNamee also claimed his colleagues were told he was unfit to practice and his wife and former secretary were told he needed emergency psychiatric treatment.

Capital Health and the two senior officials named in the suit denied all the allegations.

Independent MLA Raj Sherman has



► Independent MLA Dr. Raj Sherman, right, speaks to reporters.

accused doctors and health officials of a multimillion-dollar bribery scheme to cover up 250 patient deaths on a surgery wait list in the early years of the last decade.

He has promised, but failed, to provide evidence.

Sherman told the CBC that McNamee was not one of the doctors he talked to.

McNamee now works at a Boston hospital and teaches at Harvard.

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Uncaging the elephant

ER Stelmach calls for inquiry

► Under pressure from doctors and political opponents, premier calls for waiting time inquiry ► Probe to focus on allegations regarding cancer surgery deaths {page 2}

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Most councillors reject raise

Despite being entitled to a 4.6 per cent raise over what they earned in 2010, many Edmonton city councillors are keeping the status quo or taking a lesser increase in pay, a report released Thursday reveals.

Four city councillors are taking the full bump up — Ed Gibbons, Bryan Anderson, Ben Henderson and Linda Sloan — but the majority opted against earning more in 2011, including Mayor Stephen Mandel.

The report shows councillors will earn between \$78,787 and \$83,488. Councillors Don Iveson and Amarjeet Sohi are giving their raises to charity.

Mandel will earn \$135,694 but he is entitled to just over \$150,000, the report said. **• METRO**

Jackass supports Lucy the elephant

One famous Jackass is getting behind one famous Edmonton elephant Friday in a protest being held at the Valley Zoo.

Steve-o, known for his roles in the Jackass movies, will be taking part in the PETA planned protest to once again fight for Lucy the elephant's freedom.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for elephants," said Steve-o, who has a circus background. In town for his The Entirely Too Much Information Tour, this vegan has taken time out of his busy schedule to support Lucy's cause.

"It all just makes me really sad," said Steve-o. He is part of a growing list of celebrities to back Lucy, including Bob Barker, who visited the city in 2009.

• CANDICE WARD



Tories call for health-care probe

► The government heard of 322 cases of substandard care in the emergency department at the University of Alberta Hospital last year

► Physicians say wait times, sometimes 20 hours, lead to suffering, deaths

The Alberta government, bowing to pressure from doctors and political opponents, has ordered an independent review of health-care waiting lists to resolve allegations of dangerously substandard care and needless deaths.

"I've asked the minister of health and wellness to clear the air," Premier Ed Stelmach told reporters Thursday after making the announcement in the legislature. "I trust our health system, and I want all Albertans to know they can trust it as well."

Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky said anyone who testifies before the Health Quality Council won't have to worry about retribution or punishment.

"They will have the full protection of the regulation and the law of this province and that guarantees their anonymity," he said.

Stelmach's government has been under pressure to call in the Health Quality Council, an arm's-length panel of physicians and professionals who assess and critique the system.

The council can't investigate until directed to do so by the province.

The issue resurfaced last week when Dr. Raj Sherman, an Independent politician booted from Stelmach's caucus last year, alleged that health officials paid out, and doctors accepted, millions of dollars in bribes to keep deaths of patients on waiting lists with cancer quiet.

He also alleged that health officials committed fraud by hiding the hush money payoffs.

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Inquiry focus

The probe will examine the cancer surgery allegations but not the allegations of bribes or fraud.

1 No timeline was set on when the council will investigate and report back.

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The city is trying to hold onto some of its oldest homes by encouraging residents to ask the right questions before renovating.

"We want to create more awareness of what people have in terms of their homes," said David Holdsworth, heritage planner with the city's planning and development department. "And get as many residences as possible."

There are about 80 heritage properties in Edmonton, said Holdsworth, half of which are residential units. The city's This Old Edmonton House series resumed March 2.

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**Canada's top
wind farm**

Alberta will reap the rewards of Canada's largest wind farm being built by a Calgary company, says its CEO.

Grengate Power Corp. announced Thursday it has received provincial approval to go ahead with its Blackspring Ridge 1 project in Vulcan County, approximately 165 kilometres southeast of Calgary.

The wind farm is expected to be in-service in 2013 and capable of generating a nation-leading 300 megawatts.

"It will provide a substantial emissions-free source of power for the province," said Grengate

100K Grengate estimates the wind farm is capable of generating power for 100,000 Alberta homes and businesses.

CEO Dan Balaban. "This is something that has a very large-scale and intangible impact economically and environmentally."

Balaban added that creating provincial policy encouraging the growth of renewable energy would allow Alberta to reach its full potential.

"I believe we would see an absolute explosion of growth in this industry," he said.

• JEREMY NOLAIS

**One trial
for murder
charge**

A Queen's Bench judge ruled yesterday Michael Briscoe, 40, will have only one trial. Briscoe is charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Nina Courtepatte, 13, and Ellie May Meyer, 33, who were found dead in 2005. • METRO

**Man
sentenced
in stabbing**

Arthur Gallant, 37, of High Level has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and two counts of aggravated assault in a triple stabbing from November 2009. He was handed seven years, five months in prison.

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New law helps with missing persons

- The Missing Persons Act could put private information at risk say critics
- The power to demand such details could mean life and death: Police

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Alberta has introduced legislation that would force banks, phone companies and Internet providers to quickly provide personal information to police in missing person cases.

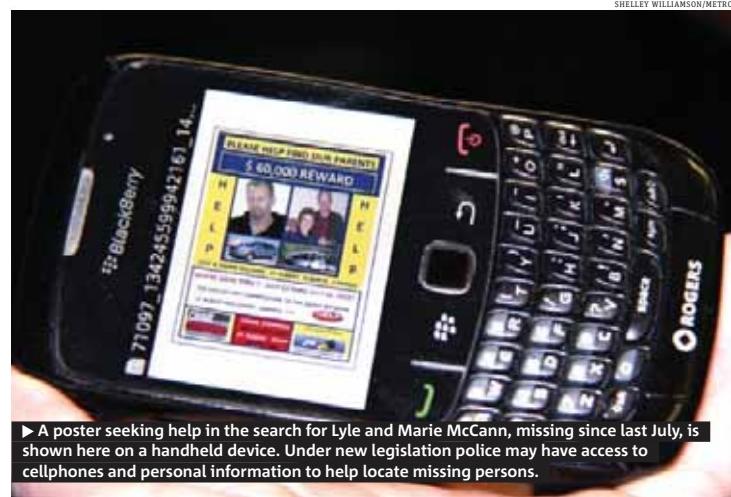
The data would have to be handed over even if there was no proof that the person was a crime victim.

"It's much needed," said Const. Sean Jenkinsong, of EPS' Missing Persons Unit. "People think we are going to be piling into people's personal information, but it will only be for serious cases."

Police say getting speedier access to text messages, banking records or a person's computer browsing history would give officers a jump when they are trying to find a dementia patient who has wandered away or someone who may have been abducted.

"I believe we would see an absolute explosion of growth in this industry," he said.

A recent case involves



► A poster seeking help in the search for Lyle and Marie McCann, missing since last July, is shown here on a handheld device. Under new legislation police may have access to cellphones and personal information to help locate missing persons.

Lyle and Marie McCann of St. Albert, who were last seen on July 3 just outside of Edmonton, where police may have benefitted.

It took RCMP more than a week after that to get access to the couple's bank and phone records because there was no proof

Missing persons

► RCMP in Alberta and the Edmonton and Calgary police services together receive about 10,000 missing person reports each year.

► Edmonton had 1,600 missing persons reports in 2010, but 95 per cent were resolved, say police.

that they were crime victims.

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Students get street smart

► Nursing students from the U of A take a walk from Mustard Seed to experience the homeless plight.

A group of University of Alberta nursing students partnered with the Mustard Seed bundled up and strolled Edmonton's downtown core to get a feel for the city's homeless plight yesterday.

"I could come to classroom and talk to them about the inner city and the challenges here and some of the social deterrents to health that are so key to nursing stud-

ies," said Sarah Nicolai-DeKonig, manager of public education for The Mustard Seed. "But I think it's so much more a real, tangible thing to have them come and walk through the inner city."

The Social Issues Walk, two-and-a-half hours of the community nursing program, takes students through downtown past landmarks, including The

Mustard Seed, York Hotel, the Remand Centre, and the former site of Tent City.

First-year nursing student Amanda Santos, said it was eye opening.

"It definitely broadened our awareness," said Santos. "It's really, really, cold and I can't be out here for an hour or two and I don't know how they live outside."

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Aftercare issues post-liberation

► Calgarians lack access ► Alberta the first province to provide statement to doctors about aiding MS patients

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When Calgarian Melissa Lawson-Larsen lost all feeling in her face from the nose down, she thought it was a stroke.

But when Lawson-Larsen went to the emergency room and disclosed that — like a growing number of Canadians suffering from multiple sclerosis — she had travelled abroad for a procedure known as the liberation treatment, she was disappointed by the lack of aftercare provided.

"I didn't get a physical, let alone a neurological exam," said Lawson-Larsen, who was sent home with a steroid prescription.

Darrel Gregory of the MS Society of Canada said

his organization has received similar complaints.

According to spokesman Howard May, Alberta Health and Wellness does require doctors provide medically necessary treatment for anyone who comes into their office, but questions have arisen as to what aftercare patients like Larsen should receive.

So much so, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta issued a statement last week providing information on how to manage these MS patients.

While the document is the first of its kind to be issued in Canada, Gregory is not convinced it will have a big impact.

"If you read between the lines it is telling doctors, 'Look, you may be skeptical but people are

MS in Canada

According to the MS Society of Canada:

- Rate Canadians have one of the highest rates of MS in the world.
- Diagnosed MS is most commonly diagnosed in people aged 15 to 40.
- Daily Every day, three Canadians are diagnosed with MS.
- Women are three times more likely than men to be diagnosed with MS.
- **Multiple Sclerosis** results in muscle deterioration, loss of co-ordination, speech and visual disturbances.

getting it done and we need to do something about it if they are having complications," said Gregory.



► Melissa Lawson-Larsen has been unable to schedule an MRI since returning from an overseas procedure in August of last year.

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Experimental treatment liberates one Calgarian

On March 30, Ginger MacQueen is celebrating the one-year anniversary of her liberation from MS.

Having travelled to Poland in March 2010, MacQueen was amongst the first Canadians to go abroad for the controversial liberation treatment. With no guarantees of relief from her MS symptoms and even less known about the long-term after-effects, MacQueen was ecstatic as she described her improvements.

"In 10 years I hadn't run; I couldn't jump. Now, I can jump and I am still showing improvements," said MacQueen.

While MacQueen's story is one of success, Darrel Gregory of the MS Society is more cautious.

"The problem with angioplasty in terms of CCSVI and MS is that no



► Ginger MacQueen was considering assisted suicide because of her deteriorating MS prior to turning her life around with the CCSVI treatment.

one knows if CCSVI and MS are connected. At this point it is still just a theory," said Gregory.

Unfortunately, concrete evidence one way or the other is still years away. The Alberta government announced in December

that it will begin an observational study of the effects of the CCSVI treatments in the spring of this year, but clinical trials won't begin until the results of the three-year study are in.

● CAROLINA NOVOTNY

2008

Dr. Paolo Zamboni first suggested a link between MS and chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI) in 2008.

Controversy over surgery

Around three years ago, a study by Dr. Paolo Zamboni suggested a link between MS and chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI).

sufficiency (CCSVI), a condition characterized by narrowing of the veins in the neck and chest.

The research suggested that MS symptoms could be alleviated by treating CCSVI with routine angioplasty, but it's still unproven.

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EXPLOITATION

Sexual minority groups invisible: Panellist

Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week wrapped up Thursday with a panel presentation on protecting sexual minorities at Grant MacEwan University.

sity.

"As a community we are invisible. There's not a whole lot of awareness around the issue," said Maddalena Genovese of the Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton. "If we were more aware of the issues, we could be more proactive."

Const. Jeff Westman of the EPS gay and lesbian liaison committee spoke to the group about police efforts for "collaboration with our community partners" on the issue.

• ALISON BAIRD

Soldier taken to hospital

Two investigations are underway after a soldier was reportedly found without any vital signs in an Edmonton Garrison cell.

Military officials said the soldier was at the detention centre when discovered Wednesday night. The soldier was rushed to hospital.

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Woman injured in stabbing

A woman is in hospital in serious condition after receiving multiple stab wounds early Thursday.

Police say the woman in her 40s was involved in a scuffle with a man believed to be known to her.

A man in his 40s was arrested and charges are pending. • METRO

Comic creators to race the clock for charity



► Happy Harbor Comics owner Jay Bardyla is dusting off his drawing gear to get ready for the store's sixth annual 12-hour Comic Challenge.

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- Challenge is based on a similar worldwide event
- Books from last year will be available for purchase

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Past successes

This is the sixth annual challenge.

- Last year's event raised \$3,100 for Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- Past events have raised \$10,000.

ed in their stories.

"It is a matter of how creative you can get with what you are given," said Bardyla.

He will also be taking part this year, as he says it is time to get his creativity flowing again.

This Saturday, Happy Harbor Comics will be holding its annual 12-hour Comic Challenge, with proceeds going towards Big Brothers Big Sisters Edmonton.

"It is a good cause that a lot of the participants believe in," said Jay Bardyla, owner of Happy Harbor.

Participants will be asked to produce a 12-page comic in as many hours, but they are given elements that must be includ-

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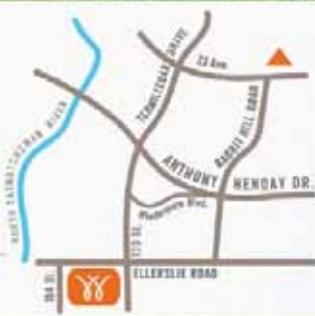
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Board gives pipeline final OK

The long-delayed Mackenzie natural gas pipeline has received the final green light from the National Energy Board, though the future of the \$16.2-billion project is still far from certain.

The NEB said Thursday it has issued a certificate allowing the project to move ahead, after it received the blessing of the

federal cabinet. The announcement marks the end of a more than six-year-long formal regulatory process, though approvals from several other government agencies and local boards are still needed before construction may begin.

"It has been a long journey and a long process and we're obvi-

ously pleased to see this," said Pius Rolheiser, a spokesman for project leader Imperial Oil Ltd.

The next step will be for the project's backers, which includes ExxonMobil, Shell and the Aboriginal Pipeline Group, to resume negotiations with the federal government over a fiscal framework.

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In December, the National Energy Board said the 1,200-kilometre pipeline ought to go ahead so long as 264 conditions are met.

Guergis waits for personal files

► MP says she wants the information in order to fully clear her name in wake of scandal

Independent Conservative MP Helena Guergis is now on the other end of a long access-to-information wait.

Guergis pressed the government during question period Thursday on why it has taken so long to respond to her request to obtain all her personal files.

Last summer, the former junior cabinet minister formally asked the RCMP to release any files they had produced relating to a series of unsubstantiated allegations levelled against her.

That eventually formed part of a larger request for files under the Privacy Act. Canadians have the right to ask for files that pertain to them from government departments and agencies.

The Privy Council Office, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Lobbying Commissioner's

Following rules

Government House Leader John Baird told the Commons he would do everything possible to ensure that access-to-information rules were being followed.

- Helena Guergis was turfed from the Conservative caucus and cabinet last spring amid a series of allegations involving her and her husband Rahim Jaffer, a former Tory MP.
- The RCMP looked into the matter, but later cleared both Guergis and Jaffer of any wrongdoing.

office were all supposed to produce documents.

But a promised deadline of Feb. 28 has come and gone and Guergis has not received any paperwork.

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► Helena Guergis in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on March 8. Guergis was turfed from the Conservative caucus after a series of allegations involving her and her husband, Rahim Jaffer, a former Tory MP.

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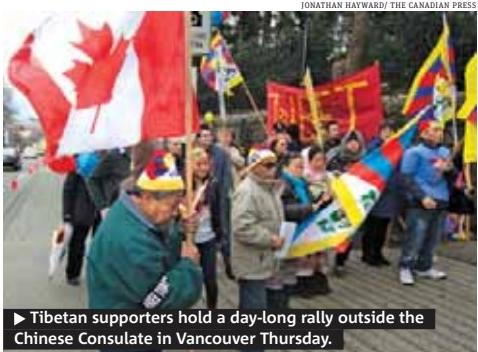
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Dalai Lama cedes control

By Philip Shabahang
clear it intends to have the final say in naming his successor when he dies

The Dalai Lama said Thursday that he will give up his political role in the Tibetan government-in-exile. The 76-year-old Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader struggling with growing worries about who will succeed

him when he dies shifted power to an elected representative.

Speaking on the anniversary of the failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule that sent him into exile, the Dalai Lama said the time

had come "to devolve my formal authority to the elected leader."

While he has long said he wants the exile government to take on some of his powers, Thursday's announcement appeared to

mark the beginning of a countdown. The Dalai Lama is believed to be in fairly good health, but China's heavy-handed rule has made the succession question all-important.

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Size matters for costly cancer drugs

Paying for a breast cancer drug for a Toronto woman with a small tumour would be unfair to people in similar circumstances who don't get their stories in the media, Health Minister Deb Matthews said Thursday.

"We cannot have a health system where the stories that land on the front page of the paper determine our health-care policy," Matthews said in the Ontario legislature.

Ontario's health insurance program had earlier deemed the tumour in Jill Anzarut's breast too small to qualify for the drug

Herceptin, which costs about \$40,000.

Anzarut's tumour is a half-centimetre in diameter, but Ontario's health insurance will only cover the drug for tumours larger than one centimetre.

"I was officially told my exceptional access claim was denied," said Anzarut.

The 35-year-old mother of two said dealing with her diagnosis, chemotherapy and the bureaucracy has been "absolutely overwhelming."

Anzarut said she went to the media to fight on behalf of all women with breast cancer, not just herself.

"I'm doing this, because all of those other women who won't be heard," she said in an interview.

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Guinness. Oldest living person



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Oh my Guinness! That's a record

Besse Cooper didn't expect a record for her 114th birthday, but Guinness World Records recognized her as the world's oldest living person at the nursing home where she lives Thursday in Monroe, Ga. Her wheelchair gets a new pair of arm cushions every birthday, made and given to her by a friend.

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Is democracy a 'distraction' for the Tories?

► Commons Speaker slaps down government over violations ► But Harper says: Focus on the economy

The Harper government is dismissing a pair of stinging parliamentary violations as a "distraction" and a "game."

Commons Speaker Peter Milliken has ruled that the government and International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda are in breach of parliamentary privilege.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday that opposition politicians should be focused on the economy rather than this week's rulings.

Government House leader John Baird went further, accusing the Liberals of being caught up in a "distraction" rather than

The Milliken file

Peter Milliken ruled on two subjects in the headlines.

- One: He found the government breached the rights of parliamentarians by failing to produce all documents on the cost of crime legislation and corporate tax cuts.
- Two: He found that Bev Oda breached parliamentary privilege by providing inconsistent testimony about the alteration of a document.

what Canadians really care about.

That prompted an indignant Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to express shock that the Conservatives consider democracy to be a distraction.

The Liberals, NDP and Bloc Québécois are speaking out against what they say is an abuse of power and lack of respect by the Conservatives for democratic institutions.

The battle could be the core theme of the next federal election.

Meanwhile, a Commons committee meets for three days next week to consider what to do about the Speaker's ruling.

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► Chechnya's new look: A sales clerk adjusts the headscarf Thursday on a mannequin in a shop in Grozny's central market.

Clothing rules leave Chechens in fear

"I don't dare leave home without a headscarf."

LOUIZA, RECALLING
A PAINTBALL ATTACK

"I felt something hitting me in the chest ...
The sting was awful, as if my breasts were being pierced with a red-hot needle."

Human Rights Watch condemns the campaign as a flagrant violation of women's rights.

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Dozens reportedly killed in China quake

An earthquake toppled more than 1,000 houses and apartment buildings in China's southwest near the border with Myanmar on Thursday, killing at least 24 people and injuring more than 200, officials and state media said.

Photos from the scene showed buildings that buckled, crushing their lower floors. Police, fire-fighters and soldiers rushed to the area to pull out people trapped in the rubble, including a man and girl stuck in the stair-

well of a four-story building, according to state broadcaster China Central Television.

Parts of a supermarket and a hotel caved in, while sidewalks were lined with injured on blankets, being shielded from the sun by large vendor umbrellas.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that 24 people had been killed, including four students, citing the Yingjiang county government in Yunnan province. Another 207 people were injured, 33 of

A woman mourns after an earthquake jolted Yingjiang county in China's Yunnan Province on Thursday.

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them in critical condition.

The website of the Chinese government earthquake monitoring station

said the magnitude-5.8 quake was centred in Yingjiang and struck just before 1 p.m. The U.S. Geological Survey measured the quake at a magnitude of 5.4 and at a depth of 21 miles (35 kilometres).

Some 1,200 houses or apartments were crushed by the quake, said Zhao Yunshan, director of Yingjiang government press office. More than 127,000 people have been evacuated to shelters, Xinhua reported.

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Disaster scene

► Tremors continued to be felt in the area throughout the afternoon and evening, according to a CCTV reporter who was at the disaster scene.

► A government team has been dispatched to the quake-stricken area, CCTV said.

► About 5,000 tents, 10,000 quilts and 10,000 coats are being sent from the central government.

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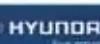


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NHL injuries worry PM

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he is concerned about the growing number of serious injuries in the NHL.

An avid hockey fan, Harper says the league needs to take a serious look at the issue.

"I just say this as a hockey fan, I'm very con-

cerned about the growing number of very serious injuries, and in some cases to some of the premier players in the game," Harper said at an event in Toronto on Thursday.

Other than to send his thoughts to the injured Max Pacioretty, Harper declined to comment on the hit, saying it's not the government's job to get involved.

Where Harper does feel the government needs to take action is with safety in kids' sports. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

No spring forward for Sask.

Time is going to stand still in Saskatchewan — or at least the clocks won't be changing.

The government said Thursday that it will not hold a promised referendum on daylight time in conjunction with a provincial election in November.

Most of Canada will

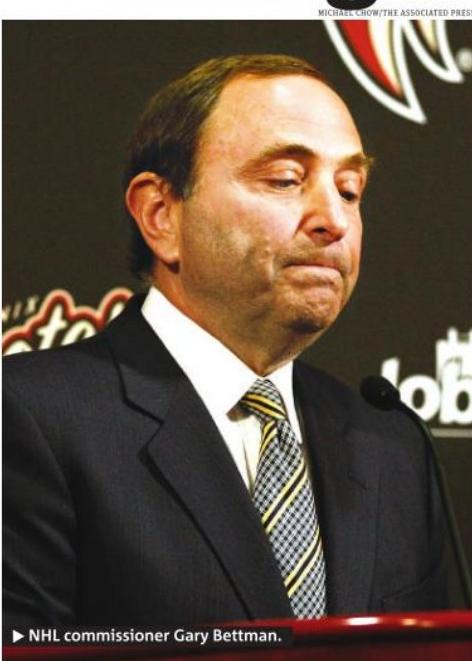
"spring ahead" from standard time to daylight time in the wee hours Sunday morning. Saskatchewan is the only province that stays on central standard time all year.

Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs Minister Darryl Hickie said a recent poll shows that two-thirds of just over 1,000 people surveyed oppose making the switch.

"When you see numbers like this, 2-to-1 ... I think we have a pretty strong message," said Hickie.

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Bettman wary of over-legislating hits



► Sponsor Air Canada wants action on violence after brutal headshot

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says there's no need to "over-legislate" head hits.

Speaking after a U.S. congressional panel discussion Thursday on encouraging American kids to get into hockey, Bettman pointed to a trend.

"The rise in concussions in the preliminary data from this season seem to be coming from accident events, collisions, players falling and banging into other things, not from head hits," he told reporters.

The issue has been front and centre this season, especially this week in the wake of Max Pacioretty being hospitalized with a severe concussion and fractured neck. The Montreal forward was slammed into a stanchion holding

"It was a horrific injury ... but I don't think whether or not supplemental discipline was imposed would change what happened."

GARY BETTMAN, NHL COMMISSIONER

the glass at the Bell Centre on a hit by Bruins captain Zdeno Chara.

The NHL subsequently elected not to suspend Chara. The issue of head hits is expected to be raised again at a meeting of NHL general managers.

As for Air Canada threatening to pull its sponsorship over such injuries, Bettman says the league can find other carriers if the airline doesn't want its business. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Tories shot down

► Stinging report on cost of F-35 jets may fuel election speculation

The parliamentary budget officer accused the Harper government Thursday of low-balling the cost of the F-35 stealth fighter deal.

In an incendiary report likely to further stoke election speculation, Kevin Page estimated the entire package will cost taxpayers \$22.6 billion over 20 years.

The total price tag for the 65 high-tech fighters could reach \$29.3 billion if maintenance costs are extended over another 10 years to cover the full, ex-

"I'm not going to get into a lengthy debate on numbers ... this is the only fighter available that serves the purposes that our air force needs."

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER

pected service life of the aircraft.

The government continued to insist it expects the cost to run between \$14 billion and \$16 billion.

But Page said those numbers are based on outdated information from the manufacturer and a healthy dose of wishful thinking.

Meanwhile, the public is kept in the dark.

"I don't think they've



► Defence Minister Peter MacKay, in the cockpit of an F-35, has said killing the purchase would cost \$1 billion. But the budget chief's report contradicts him.

Liberals attack

The Liberals asked Kevin Page to look at the cost of the entire deal.

► "The Conservative figures just don't add up," said Marc Garneau, the Liberal industry critic.

been transparent," he said.

Page said there is significant risk to the federal treasury and he doesn't believe the Conservatives have set aside enough money in their long-term defence plan.

The report, which was

reviewed by independent experts in the U.S., Britain, Australia and Canada, picks apart the government's numbers and assumptions in just about every aspect of the fighter program.

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No 'binding contract'

Defence Minister Peter MacKay has said killing the purchase would cost \$1 billion in lost benefits, but the report said there

are no penalties.

"Canada has not signed any binding contract," the report said.

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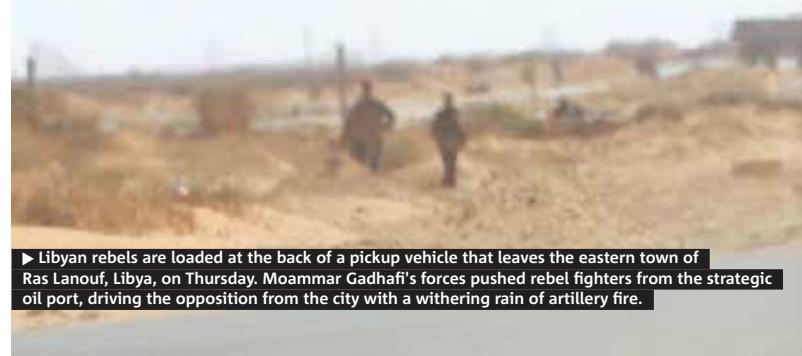


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► Libyan rebels are loaded at the back of a pickup vehicle that leaves the eastern town of Ras Lanouf, Libya, on Thursday. Moammar Gadhafi's forces pushed rebel fighters from the strategic oil port, driving the opposition from the city with a withering rain of artillery fire.

Violence intensifies for rebels

► Gadhafi forces pound rebels with rockets, shelling
► Civilians and mutinous army units forced to retreat

With fierce barrages of tank and artillery fire, Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists threw rebels into a frantic retreat from a strategic oil port Thursday, using overwhelming force in a counteroffensive that reversed the opposition's advance toward the capital Tripoli and now threatens its positions in the east.

Hundreds of rebels in cars and trucks mounted with machine-guns sped eastward on the Mediterranean coastal road as rockets and shells pound-



"I have two words to our brothers and sisters in the east: We're coming."

SEIF AL-ISLAM GADHAFI TO SUPPORTERS IN TRIPOLI, DEPICTING LIBYANS IN THE EAST AS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY TERRORISTS

ed a hospital, mosque and other buildings in the oil complex. Doctors and staff at the hospital were hastily evacuated east along with wounded from fighting from the past week.

In Tripoli, Gadhafi's son

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► A Libyan protester holds a placard in Benghazi.

Counterattack

The West showed no concrete sign of moving toward military assistance that the Libyan opposition has been pleading for.

► The rebels' capture of Ras Lanouf a week ago had been a major victory. A day after seizing it, their forces charged farther ahead, reaching the outskirts of Sirta, Gadhafi's hometown and the bastion

of his regime in the centre of the country.

- Rebels were met by a heavy counterattack that steadily pushed them back toward Ras Lanouf.
- Taking back Ras Lanouf would be a major victory for Gadhafi, pushing his zone of control farther along the coast.
- His regime has also claimed a victory in the west, saying Wednesday it recaptured Zawiya, the closest rebel-held city to the capital, after a six-day siege.

CANADA SAYS LIBYA ACTIONS WORKING

Canada is defending the effectiveness of sanctions against Libya, despite their apparent failure after Moammar Gadhafi's troops managed to drive rebel forces out of a key oil port.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said Thursday that he thinks sanctions against Libya are working, but more are needed.

He said all options for Libya remain on the table as he and fellow G8 foreign ministers prepare to meet in France early next week for talks on the crisis.

Cannon rejected a suggestion that sanctions are failing because Gadhafi is still holding power and reclaiming rebel-held territory.

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Cop under scrutiny in Assange case

Julian Assange's Swedish lawyer says a newspaper report casts doubt on whether the sex abuse investigation against the WikiLeaks founder was carried out in an impartial manner.

Swedish tabloid Expressen reported Thursday that a police officer in-

volved in the initial phase of the probe had personal and political links to one of the two women accusing Assange of sexual misconduct.

Expressen also said the officer, Irmeli Krans, described Assange as a "bubble ready to burst" on her personal Facebook page.

If true, Assange's lawyer says, a trial could be unfair.

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Background

After releasing thousands of secret U.S. diplomatic cables, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was charged with sexual assault by two women in Sweden.

► After his arrest in Britain, Assange was released on bail. Court later ruled he be extradited to stand trial in Sweden.

Afghanistan: Best friends die same day

Dozens stood silently — some with dogs at their feet — as soldier's friends and family laid roses atop black hearse carrying his coffin

Liam and Theo were a team, fast friends performing a dangerous job — searching out roadside bombs laid by insurgents in Afghanistan.

The jovial British soldier and his irrepressible dog worked and played together for months, and died on the same day.

On Thursday, they came home together, flown back to Britain in a sombre repatriation ceremony for the soldier remembered for his empathy with animals and the companion he loved.

Lance Cpl. Liam Tasker, a dog handler with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, was killed in a fire-fight with insurgents in Helmand Province March 1 as he searched for explosives with Theo, a 22-month-old bomb-sniffing springer spaniel mix. The dog suffered a fatal seizure hours later at a British army base.

Military officials won't go so far as to say Theo died of a broken heart — but that may not be far from the truth.

"I think we often under-

"I love my job and working together with Theo. He has a great character and never tires. He can't wait to get out and do his job and will stop at nothing."

LANCE CPL. LIAM TASKER SAID IN A PROFILE OF THE PAIR RELEASED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE BEFORE HIS DEATH

estimate the grieving process in dogs," said Elaine Pendlebury, a senior veterinarian with animal charity PDSA. "Some dogs react very severely to their partner's loss.

"The bonding that I have seen between soldiers or police and their dogs is fantastic. When you see them working together, it's really one unit."

A military Hercules plane carrying Tasker's body and Theo's ashes touched down Thursday at a Royal Air Force base in southwest England.

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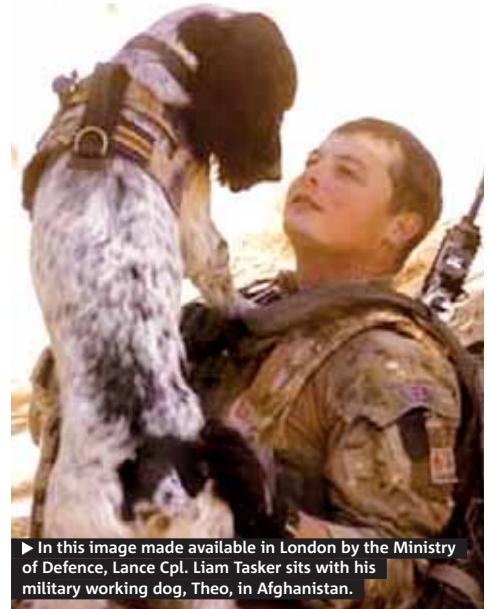
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► Former integrity commissioner Christianne Ouimet appears at a public accounts committee on Thursday to discuss the report of the auditor general that led to her resignation last October.

Former integrity boss says she got raw deal

Severance package signed last October worth more than \$500K

Disgraced integrity commissioner Christianne Ouimet says the auditor general's report that led to her surprise resignation was neither fair nor accurate.

Testifying under oath, with her lawyer by her side, Ouimet told a House of Commons committee that auditor general Sheila Fraser's December report was flawed.

"I'm here to point out that there are serious flaws and erroneous facts that have attacked my reputation," she said Thursday in her first public statement since the controversy over her departure erupted.

The report said Ouimet bullied and intimidated staff and failed to fulfil her mandate to protect public service whistleblowers.

Ouimet resigned with a lucrative severance package two months before the report was released.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday the half-million dollar payout was the cheapest and fastest way to get rid of her. He said the government couldn't just fire her.

Some of her former staff who quit because of

"I lost seven years' income, seven years' pension. I lost my reputation. I lost my health."

CHRISTIANNE OUIMET

conditions in her office have complained that Ouimet got a golden parachute while they gave up benefits.

Ouimet said she received death threats and her health suffered due to Fraser's extensive two-year investigation of her office.

When the government presented her with a "non-negotiable" offer to quit with a separation allowance, she reluctantly accepted it.

Harper defended the decision to offer the package.

"It is not a good situation, but our power to act was limited," he said.

He said federal lawyers advised that the best way to hasten Ouimet's departure was to pay her more than \$500,000 in a separation agreement that bound her to secrecy. The agreement was signed Oct. 7.

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Prostitution 'economic' choice: Feds

Prostitution is a high-risk "economic activity" that the law doesn't force people into, and the best protection of sex-trade workers is not Parliament's obligation, the federal government argues.

Ottawa has indicated its positions in an appeal of a

Trade dangers

An Ontario Superior Court judge ruled last year that laws against keeping a common bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution and living on the avails of the trade were contributing to the industry's dangers.

ruling striking down three prostitution laws.

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Aussie surfer free of charges

An indecency charge has been dropped against a world-class Australian surfer who was accused of exposing himself following a competition in Tofino, B.C.

Mitch Coleborn was in the Vancouver Island town last October for the

O'Neill Cold Water Classic when police picked him up after receiving several complaints.

Coleborn was to have appeared in court this week, but Tofino RCMP Sgt. Jeff Preston says the case won't be proceeding against the 24-year-old.

The officer couldn't say why charges were dropped, adding that the Crown decided not to pursue the allegations.

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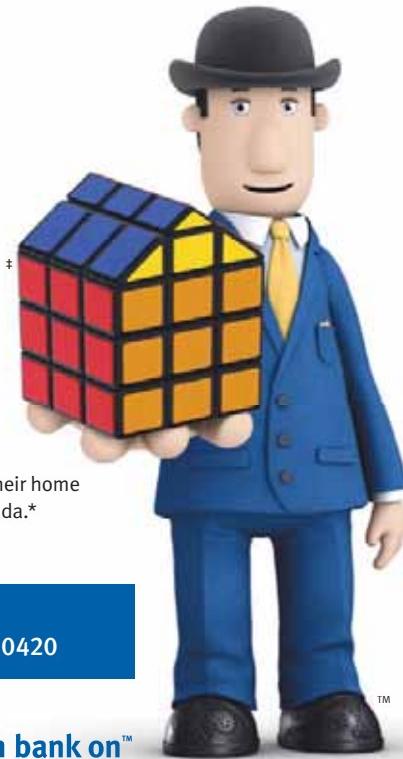
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Will that be paper or plastic?

Canadians will soon be able to start using plastic money for real. The Bank of Canada says it will start circulating a new \$100 bill made from a special polymer in November, with a \$50 note

to follow next March. The more commonly used \$20, \$10 and \$5 notes won't be out until the end of 2013.

Canadian bills are currently made from 100 per cent cotton paper. The central bank says the new bills will have security features that make it easier to detect forgery, and are expected to last at least two-and-a-half-times longer than paper money.

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Market moment

TSX	Dollar
-246.13 (13,638.58)	-0.73¢ (102.5¢ US)
Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft \$3.83 US (-10¢ US)

Gold contracts	\$1,412.50 US (-\$17.10 US)
-\$1.68 US (\$102.70 US)	

Finance chief bids adieu to GM

General Motors' chief financial officer is leaving after being passed over for the CEO job. Chris Liddell, who guided the company to its first profitable year since 2004, will step down on April 1 after just 15 months at GM. He'll be replaced by Treasurer Dan Ammann, a former Wall Street banker, the company said Thursday.

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Bauer gearing up for the long haul: CEO

Legendary hockey outfitter says new products key to expansion

Bauer Performance Sports says its sales will grow as it invests in research and development for new gear to protect hockey players, amid hot debate over concussions in the NHL.

Kevin Davis, Bauer's CEO, spoke in Toronto on Thursday as Bauer began life as a publicly traded company.

Trading got off to a bumpy start, with newly listed shares falling five cents below their issue price of \$7.50 as the market declined in Canada and the United States.

Still, Bauer is the biggest player by far in the hockey-equipment market, and Davis says the company will spend money on creating new products to expand its sales rather than focus on sell-

"The industry can grow when new innovation comes in."

KEVIN DAVIS, CEO,
BAUER PERFORMANCE SPORTS

ing more of its existing gear.

One example is neck protectors, a required piece of gear for the majority of youth hockey players, Davis says.

"The current solution was really big and bulky and hot and kids didn't like to wear it. So we integrated it with our base layer shirt and it's a new product for us," Davis says.

He says the company is also making changes to its helmets, but wouldn't reveal new features.

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Young workers at risk: CAW

Many of the country's youngest workers face unsafe job conditions, the head of Canada's largest private-sector union says.

Ken Lewenza, president of the Canadian Auto Workers, says young workers are often unaware of their rights, including the right to refuse unsafe work.

His warning comes after retail grocer Metro Ontario Inc. was fined \$350,000 this week for a safety violation that caused the death of a 17-year-old worker. The young worker, who was a CAW member, had been on the job for only a few weeks.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour says the accident occurred in August 2009 at a Metro store in Mississauga, just east of Toronto. A young worker was helping the assistant store manager clear materials from the top of a cooler. The area was covered by a drop ceiling made of acoustic tiles and was not meant to be weight-bearing.

While removing materials from the top of the cooler, the assistant store manager indicated that a box needed to be removed from on top of the drop ceiling. The worker stepped onto the drop ceiling to remove the box and

fell through. The worker suffered a fatal head injury.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that there was no guardrail separating the drop ceiling from the area above the cooler.

Metro Ontario pleaded guilty to failing to ensure that a guardrail was in place to prevent workers from accessing the drop ceiling.

"Employers are failing in their responsibility to ensure young workers are safe on the job through comprehensive health and safety training," Lewenza said Thursday.

"The retail sector is a

major employer in this country, but we've seen conditions gradually erode, where there is much higher staff turnover due to erratic shift scheduling, limited health and safety considerations and poor wages and benefits."

Ontario government statistics show that more than 10,000 young workers (defined as aged 15-24) each year are injured on the job and unable to return to work the next day. Just as many young workers file claims after requiring first aid due to workplace injuries, but are able to continue working.

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Complaints about banks on the rise

The number of consumer complaints about the financial industry handled in a single year by the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments has exceeded 1,000 for the first time since the office was established 15 years ago.

In its 2010 annual report released Thursday, the ombudsman's office said it opened 1,024 case files last year, a rise of 3.4 per cent over 2009.

"The fact that complaints have reached another new high demonstrates yet again that financial-sector consumers need and deserve an impartial and effective alternative to the courts to

consider complaints they have not been able to resolve with their firm," ombudsman Doug Melville said in Toronto.

Complainants received compensation from their financial institution in 20 per cent of banking cases and 38 per cent of investment cases reviewed, for a total payout of \$3.8 million.

Investment suitability, mortgage prepayment penalties, service issues and credit and debit card fraud were the most frequently cited concerns.

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Apple's advantage: Low price for iPad

► Tech giant doesn't seem to mind declining margins if that means competitors can't keep up

The new iPad hitting U.S. stores on Friday (and slated for Canadian release on March 25) comes with several improvements over the original but the same price tag, hobbling efforts by rivals at breaking Apple Inc.'s hold on the emerging market for tablet computers.

Competitors can't seem to match the iPad's starting price of \$499 US. Comparable tablets cost hundreds of dollars more, while cheaper tablets tend to be inferior in quality.

Usually, the early products in consumer electronics, such as the first Blu-ray players or digital cameras, are expensive. Competition then gradually brings prices down. With the iPad, the reverse is happening, spelling trouble for competitors.

It's rare for prices to start low and stay low, yet it looks as if that's exactly what Apple intended.

People appears to have chosen, right from the start, to make less of a profit from its iPads than it does from iPods and iPhones. That's an odd move for a company that isn't known for cheap products.

Apple's profit margin on the entry-level iPad model is about 25 per cent, according to an estimate by Toni Sacconaghi at Bernstein Research in New York.

By contrast, the company's profit margin for all products, before corporate overhead, was 38.5 per cent in the most recent quarter. Sacconaghi and other analysts estimate the margin for the iPhone 4 is 50 per cent to 60 per cent. (Apple charges about \$600 US for it, though it's cheaper in stores because wireless carriers subsidize it.)

Apple is telling investors to expect overall margins to keep declining, meaning competitors can't



► About 100 models of tablet computer have gone on sale or are on the way, but so far none has matched the iPad and iPad 2, above, for quality, features and price.

expect much of a reprieve.

Analysts say Apple has a couple of advantages that let it sell an iPad profitably at a price that would put another manufacturer at break-even, or at a loss.

Apple sells about one-third of iPads in its own stores and from its website. By cutting out the middleman, Apple is able to keep more of the slim profit margin for itself.

Also, the iPad uses many

of the same chips as the iPhone and iPod. That means Apple is able to buy them in huge quantities, bringing down costs.

Wayne Lam at research firm IHS iSuppli speculates that Apple is also using its clout and cash to ensure supplies of another crucial component: Touch-screen displays, which make up a large share of the tablet's cost.

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Stiff competition deals a blow to Transat

Shares of Transat A.T. Inc. plummeted almost 30 per cent on Thursday after the company missed analyst expectations on first-quarter earnings.

The Montreal-based tour operator reported that it narrowed its quarterly net loss to \$13.5 million, or 36 cents per share, but faced tougher competition and reduced prices from rival operators. The results compared with a loss of \$13.9 million, or 37 cents per share, in the first quarter a

51 Transat's after-tax loss per diluted share was 51 cents, a far deeper per-share loss than the 33 cents analysts expected.

year ago.

"It was a difficult quarter, mainly because of intense competition in the sun-destinations market, which consumers are taking advantage of," president and chief executive Jean-Marc Eustache said.

Revenues rose to \$810.2

million for the quarter ended Jan. 31, compared with \$792.6 million in 2010, an increase of two per cent.

The company said it booked an operating loss of \$14.6 million, compared with \$12.4 million in 2010.

On the Toronto Stock Exchange, Transat shares closed down \$4.76, or 28.73 per cent, at \$11.81 on volume of more than one million shares.

Looking ahead, Transat said its current second-quarter capacity in the

North American vacation market is about nine per cent higher than last year. Meanwhile, bookings and load factors are improved over last year and selling prices are similar. In France, bookings are slightly higher than last year.

Transat expects the results of the second quarter to be similar to last year, as the favourable impact from a strong Canadian dollar is offset by higher aircraft fuel costs.

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5 MINUTES WITH: DEANNA BRASSEUR

Maj. Deanna Brasseur, one of the first two female CF-18 fighter pilots in the world, will speak at NAIT's third annual Women In Technology event next week. Brasseur began her career as a typist in the Canadian military before becoming a fighter pilot in 1989, spending much of her career in Cold Lake, Alta. Though she retired, she rejoined the Canadian Forces in 2002 as a reservist and now serves on the air staff at National Defence Headquarters. She also runs her own business — speaking, training and coaching — which she began after she retired in 1994. Tickets for *The Sky Is Not The Limit* are still available for \$21.50 on campus or

online at nait.ca. The event will take place Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m.

How did you go from typist to fighter pilot?

Early in the 1970s they started to open other occupations (in the Forces to women). One of them was air weapons controller and I thought that looked like a pretty exciting job, so I got into that for a while. Then while I was controlling (fighter aircraft) I got to ride in the back seat of a couple and thought, "This is a pretty exciting job!" And then they changed the regulations and said, "OK, we're going to have a trial program of women as

pilots" and I said, "Hey, pick me!"

What is it like being one of the first two female fighter pilots in the world, along with Jane Foster?

I often say it wasn't so much being one of the first two, it was more, "Oh, thank God that's over." Because it's the most difficult training program I will ever go through in my entire life. But we were also very proud that Canada was the first country in the world to allow their women in the military to fly fighter aircraft.

What is the goal behind your speaking, training and coaching business that will

bring you to Edmonton next week?

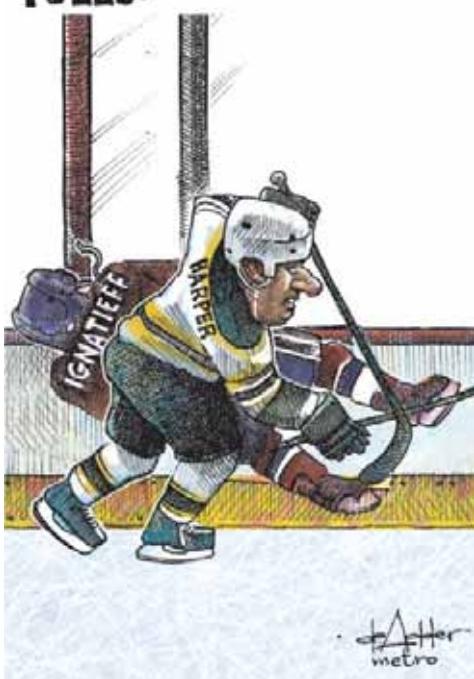
The bottom line in my philosophy is I want you to realize your dreams. Whatever they may be, I want you to know you have the ability to do that. I started out as your normal, average, everyday Canadian, homegrown, young girl — and ended up flying fighters. So if I can do it, anybody can do it. The presentation is motivational in nature, set in the context of my career field with the aim of encouraging everybody in the audience to light the fire under their own dreams.

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Living life to its fullest

Worth mentioning

The pattern of aging in humans is not too different from most other primates, such as chimpanzees, monkeys and baboons, new research shows.

A team led by Anne Bronikowski of Iowa State University studied data on primate aging collected over decades around the world and compared it with statistics on modern Americans. Some experts have thought that because people have relatively long lifespans, humans aged differently from other mammals.

The research team believed that any major difference between humans and primates was most likely to show up with modern people,

Time marches on



rather than a hunter-gatherer culture, Bronikowski said.

"And the fact that we don't find a difference there is more compelling."

The basic pattern they found is a relatively high risk of dying in infancy, a low risk of death during the juvenile years and an increased risk of dying as aging progressed. Also,

they found that in most cases males don't live as long as females.

"Human patterns are not strikingly different, even though wild primates experience sources of mortality from which humans may be protected," the authors wrote in a study published online Thursday in the journal *Science*.

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Metro Minute with Roller Grrrls

The Northern Light Theatre and the E-Ville Roller Derby are hosting The Roller Grrrls Fundraiser Saturday at the Kingsway Air Hangar (11410 Kingsway Ave.)

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the action starts at 7 p.m. The theatre challenged the roller derby to a match. After spending some time in derby boot camp, the theatre's new

team, the Average Joes — consisting of actors, techs, and drag queens — will take on the undefeated Secret Agents.

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A fun trip to Mars

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Mars Needs Moms
► Action-adventure story lifts animated film, but not quite to WALL-E's level

Richard Crouse: Mark, I think WALL-E is the pinnacle of science fiction for kids and after seeing Mars Needs Moms ... I still feel that way. It's not really sci-fi anyway, it's more action-adventure in zero gravity, and a pretty good one. But despite some good animation it didn't feel memorable to me. What did you think?

Mark Breslin: Well, Richard, I dreaded seeing it. To fully appreciate this picture, you have to be an eight-year-old boy, and my inner child ran away from home a long time ago. But I was pleasantly surprised — and a bit angry. The poster and title indicate that the movie is a comedy for little kids. But it's not. Parents of very young children should be aware that it is an action-

Plot synopsis

The Earth-bound portion of the story is set in Anywhere, USA. Little Milo (Seth Green) doesn't like taking out the garbage. When his mom gives him a firm, but effective talking to, she unwittingly becomes a Martian

adventure, as you say, with themes about kidnapping and abandonment, and some scary chase scenes.

RC: I too dreaded having to sit through this, a feeling that didn't go away until the story really kicked in around the half-hour mark. The Earth-bound portion of the movie bored me silly but once the movie hits Mars it perks up. The female Martians look like ET's younger sisters and the animation is

overlord's first choice as the model mom for the nanny bots that raise that planet's young'uns. When she is abducted, Milo hitches a ride, determined to rescue his mom from the alien invaders.

► Ratings:
Richard: **★★★**
Mark: **★★½**

terrific. I think it will appeal to eight- or nine-year-olds, but as you say anyone younger than that might find it a bit intense.

MB: I got into it as well. But I must say the animation unnerved me. It's getting to the point where the human characters looked creepily all too real, especially in longshot. On the other hand, it's nice to see John Candy working again. Richard?

RC: I can only half agree

with you on the animation. I thought the backgrounds on Mars were spectacular, kind of 2001 by way of Triumph of the Will and Brazil, but, for me, the character animation fluctuated. Milo's mom had a not-quite-human feel about her, but Milo and his friend Gribble look amazing. And you're right about John Candy. I couldn't help but think that Dan Fogler's Gribble is the part Candy would have played if this film was made in 1990.

MB: Animated movies often entertain children and their parents in different ways and on different levels, but in this movie the pop culture references of the Pixar films or of Shrek are nonexistent. But I must admit I did laugh when Gribble's mechanical dog threw up nuts and bolts.

Movie rentals are coming to Facebook in the U.S. Warner Bros. says it is testing a service that will offer select movies for purchase or rental through the public pages of these movies on the world's largest online social network. Starting Tuesday, Facebook users who visit the official page of Batman: The Dark Knight can click a "watch" icon and pay 30 Facebook credits, or \$3, to watch the movie.

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Pegg, Frost hit the finish line

► British comedy pair play comic book nerds on the search for aliens in Paul ► First Hollywood movie for stars of cult hits Shaun of the Dead and Hot Fuzz ► After years of trying duo finally are able to complete a story

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It's time for *Shaun Of The Dead* and *Hot Fuzz* fans as well as all open and closeted nerds to rejoice. Simon Pegg and Nick Frost return next week with *Paul*.

The longtime friends and collaborators co-wrote and star in a new film about a pair of British comic book geeks who embark on a USA/UFO road trip from Comic-Con and end up befriending an alien. Despite having costarred several times in film and television before, the movie marks the first time the pair have written together.

"Funny enough, since we met about 17, 18 years ago we always wrote little things together that never came to fruition," Pegg told Metro. "Paul was our

chance to finally do something and finish it. It became a point of honour to get it done. There were days where we were literally apoplectic with laughter lying on the floor crying our eyes out over stuff that didn't even end up in the script."

The film also represents the first time the pair worked within the Hollywood studio system and though they admit that means they had to slightly curb their sensibilities to play to a broader audience, they were able to still maintain their distinct comedic voice.

"I always use the phrase, you mutate to survive," said Pegg with Frost jokingly adding, "I think that we've managed to hopefully write a love letter to Steven Spielberg and the fan boys on one hand and on the other hand make something



► Simon Pegg, left, Kristen Wiig and Nick Frost star in *Paul*, which opens next Friday.

which is slightly more accessible for everyone to watch, even women."

Though *Paul* should appeal to a wider crowd,

Pegg and Frost know that their core fanbase shares their pop culture obsessions and certainly know how to appease them. In

fact, when they debuted footage from *Paul* at last year's Comic-Con there was actually a stabbing in the audience.

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Solid effects, action help boost Battle

Battle: Los Angeles

Genre: Action

Director: Jonathan Liebesman
Stars: Aaron Eckhart, Ramon Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez

Battle: Los Angeles's producers are waging their bets that audiences will get a sadistic joy out of watching Hollywood burn.

After all, in this thriller, not only do heavily armed extraterrestrials conquer

Earth, but the last fortress to withstand demolition is seemingly the California coastline — thanks mostly to a platoon of marines led by a serious but disgraced sergeant (Aaron Eckhart) seeking redemption.

As for plot, that's pretty much it. The thin premise (they're after our water, apparently), dodgy dialogue and flat supporting characters don't benefit this gungho war movie. In fact, it's a bit too Pearl Harbor with Martians in tone. However, the action truly does get a

boost from sensational special effects spun around a few genuine moments of high tension shots from the soldiers'

perspective, which makes this battle nothing if not worth its kitsch value for sci-fi fans or people who simply hate L.A.

Red Riding Hood

Genre: Thriller

Director: Catherine Hardwicke

Stars: Amanda Seyfried, Lukas Haas, Gary Oldman

On paper turning Red Riding Hood into a glossy gothic horror movie isn't a bad idea. In fact, if you watched large portions of Twilight director Catherine Hardwicke's failed franchise starter with the sound off, it would still seem like a

good idea. Unfortunately beyond the impressive images created by the production-designer-turned-director, the filmmakers didn't seem to know what to do with the concept. There's no point in a detailed plot description, because it doesn't make much sense.

It involves a medieval town haunted by a big bad wolf, a disturbed monster hunter hired to slay the beast, and a pretty girl in a red hood with two generic

love interests. Much of the film dwells on uncovering the identity of the wolf and the convoluted mystery plot is filled with so many red herrings that it's impossible to care when the reveal finally arrives. The love triangle is equally uninspired and was clearly emphasized in an attempt to make the movie feel like Twilight. Unfortunately, it's unlikely that even the not-so-demanding Twi-hard community will fall for that.



Not even Gary Oldman's presence as snarling witch hunter is effective and that should have been a given.

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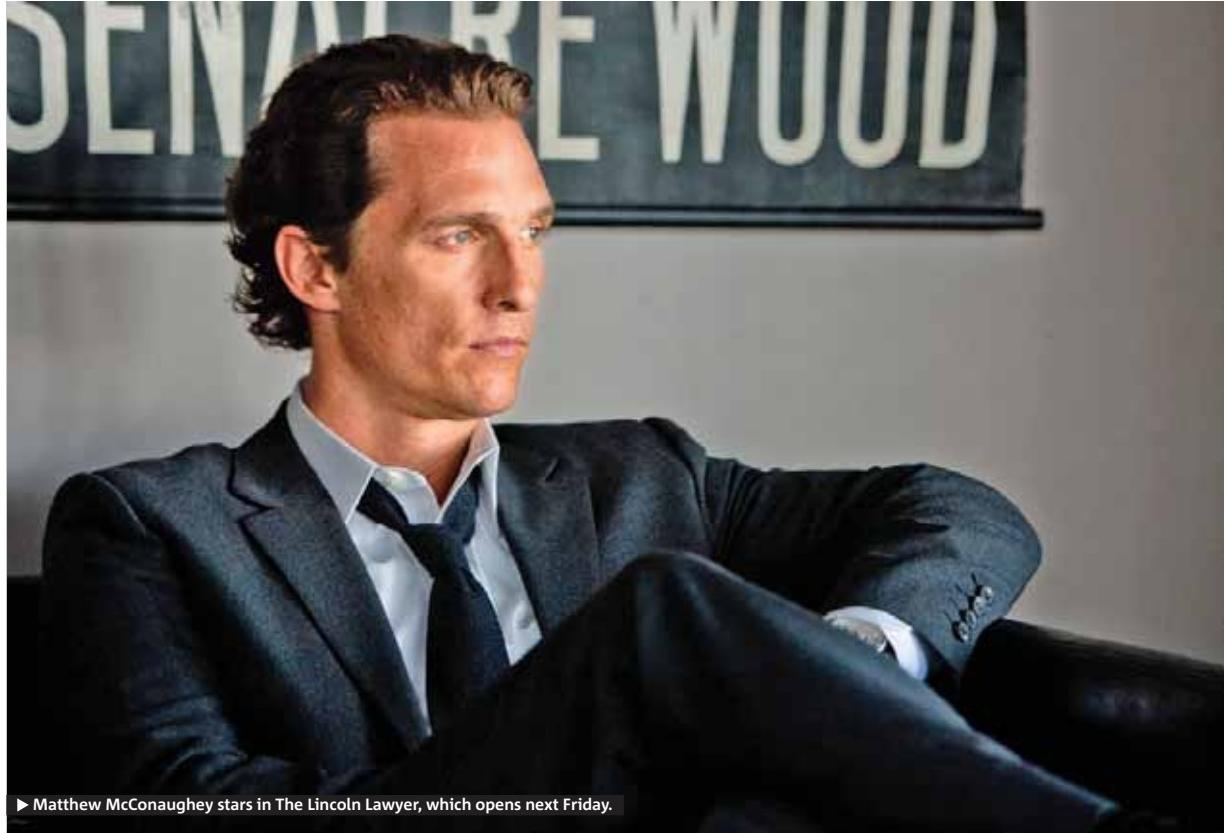
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It's been 15 years since Matthew McConaughey had his first major role in Joel Schumacher's 1996 thriller *A Time to Kill*. In that film, McConaughey played an idealistic young defence attorney with right on his side — a far cry from his role in Brad Furman's new legal drama *The Lincoln Lawyer*, where he's more of an opportunist than a crusader.

"You can get away with a bit more," says the 42-year-old actor when asked if the part of Los Angeles criminal defence attorney Mickey Haller — a guy who happily defends the guilty if the money is right — was appealing for him precisely because of its sleazier dimensions. "You can be Mr. In-Between. You can go left or right. You have more jokers up your sleeve. You're more free. It's fun."

Haller's character has his origins in a series of novels by Michael Connelly, but McConaughey says he didn't feel any pressure to live up to what was on the page.

"I didn't think about expectations. My initial thoughts were based on what Michael Connelly wrote, and then when it



► Matthew McConaughey stars in *The Lincoln Lawyer*, which opens next Friday.

goes to script form, you obviously end up losing some of what's in the book. But I thought the essence was

still there in the script, and Michael feels the same way, which is nice to hear. That's the best compliment I can give (the film)."

McConaughey says he was also very pleased with the film's soundtrack, which rolls '70s soul and contemporary hip-hop into one swaggering package. "(Director) Brad Furman

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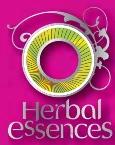
MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY, ON PLAYING A CHARACTER FROM A POPULAR BOOK

has a really good ear for hip-hop. He wanted to go old-school, to get that feeling of the streets, and I loved that. This is not the usual soundtrack for these kinds of movies, and think it contemporizes the story

while also making it a throwback. It's the sound of the streets, of downtown L.A."

Despite being a long-time Los Angeles resident, McConaughey says he was a little thrown by the hometown shoot. "Ninety per cent of the places we were at I'd never seen before," he laughs.

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Chatwin happy to return home

► Hollywood-based Canadian actor goes back to 1970s Montreal for *Funkytown* ► Shows off his dancing skills in movie set in the disco era

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Justin Chatwin may have found his way into Hollywood with movies like Steven Spielberg's *War Of The Worlds*, but the actor recently told Metro that he's long hoped to work in Canadian film.

"When I was starting out I couldn't get into the indie filmmaking scene in Vancouver because it's very tightly knit, so I tried my luck in Los Angeles and had some success. But my goal was always to come back to Canada and make films," admitted Chatwin. "I'm not an expat, I'm very patriotic. So when I read the script for *Funkytown* and it looked like a bold and challenging role, I immediately signed on."

Chatwin stars as the sexually confused Tino in *Funkytown*, a cocaine-fuelled exposé of the volatile '70s Montreal disco scene.

"We film all of the exterior shots in a genuine ghetto and every single night that we filmed there someone was shot."

JUSTIN CHATWIN, ON THE FILM CONDITIONS OF HIS SHOWTIME TV SHOW *SHAMELESS*



► Justin Chatwin stars in *Funkytown*, which is set in 1970s Montreal. Hence the awesome shirt and glasses.

The movie is a dark, yet vibrant look at a forgotten time, revelling in the bad behaviour, music, and fashions that defined the era.

Chatwin plays a closeted gay man with little hope of acceptance who inevitably experiences his fair share of abuse. However, the actor jokes that aspect of the role was hardly his greatest challenge.

"For me, it wasn't the

conflicted emotions or violence that was difficult because I've done that. I hadn't ever danced my face off on film before and you really have to put your ego aside when you do that," he said.

Funkytown debuts outside of Quebec on Friday, marking a big week for the actor who also just learned that his cult Showtime series *Shameless* has been renewed for a second season. Chatwin

describes the show as a career highlight and also notes that it has been one of his most difficult projects to shoot.

"We film all of the exterior shots in a genuine ghetto and every single night that we filmed there someone was shot. It's funny because there wasn't much security on set when we made the pilot, but now that we're under contract the security is definitely up." • PHIL BROWN

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Before Twitter, Sheen did films

Let's go back to a happier, simpler time, when Charlie Sheen was known primarily as an actor, and not a multimedia motor mouth who's coined such instant catchphrases as "winning" and "tiger blood," and behaved so erratically that he lost his high-paying TV gig.

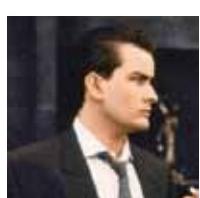
For a while there — mostly in the '80s — Sheen made movies, like his father, Martin Sheen, and his brother, Emilio Estevez. Sure, he appeared in his share of idiotic comedies and action flicks, but he also delivered some strong roles and worked with some daring directors. So let's take a look at Sheen's five best performances — outside of his Twitter account or webcast Sheen's Korner, that is.

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Platoon (1986)

Sheen is at the centre of Oliver Stone's Vietnam War epic — he's standing in for Stone, really — as a young man conflicted about war and his place in the world, while simultaneously being torn between two powerful superiors. The film is immediate, intense and visceral, the winner of four Academy Awards including best picture and best director. This, and the next film on the list, would make Sheen a superstar in the mid-1980s.



Wall Street (1987)

Stone reunites with Sheen for a movie that could not be more reflective of its place and time. He stars as Bud Fox, an ambitious, young stock-broker who's willing to do whatever he must to get to the top. Again, he's torn between two influential men: Michael Douglas in his Oscar-winning role as the greedy Gordon Gekko and Martin Sheen, who's also playing his on-screen father, a union leader who taught Bud to respect his blue-collar upbringing. Bud is intoxicated by his lavish new lifestyle.



Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)

He only had a brief part — not nearly the screen time of star Matthew Broderick or even Alan Ruck as Ferris's best friend, Cameron. But he's a pivotal force in helping Jennifer Grey, as Ferris's frustrated sister, loosen up and let go of her jealousy. Sitting in a police station with messy hair and dark circles under his eyes, he's a dangerous delinquent but also kind of sexy. Appropriately, the first word he utters to her is, "Drugs?" But by the end, he's got Grey making out with him.



Eight Men Out (1988)

John Sayles' film about how the 1919 Chicago White Sox threw the World Series is probably the best movie ever made about baseball. It's intelligent, detailed and earnest, but it may not be for everyone, since it is literally so inside baseball. Still, it placed Sheen among a tremendous ensemble cast, featuring John Cusack, David Strathairn and John Mahoney. He played centre fielder Oscar "Hap" Felsch, who initially was reluctant to go along with the scheme but soon gave in.



Major League (1989)

It seems only fitting in retrospect that Wild Thing was the song that played when Sheen's character came out of the bullpen — and that he has difficulty with control. As Rick "Wild Thing" Vaughn, Sheen did his own pitching and supposedly hit 83 mph on the radar gun. As he'd declare these days in one of his many exclamatory tweets, "Fastball!" The story of a Cleveland Indians team that plays better to avoid having the owner move them to Miami is still amusing today.

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Rango (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-5:30-9:30
Red Riding Hood (PG) Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:25
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Red Riding Hood (PG) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:20-9:50
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Incendies (14A) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15

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An American Werewolf in London (STC) Fri 7:9
Dogtooth (R) Sat-Mon 7:9
Flex on the Beach (STC) Thu 7
The Topp Twins: Untouchable Girls (STC) Thu 9

MOVIES 12
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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-

6:55-9:30
Country Strong (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
The Dilemma (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:40-7:20-9:50
Gulliver's Travels (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:45-7:50
Inside Job (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:20
The Lion of Punjab (14A) Fri-Thu 1:55-8
Little Fockers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:45
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:40
The Roommate (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:10-7:30-9:45
Sanctum (14A) Fri-Thu 2:45-7:10-9:55
Tangled 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:9-9:35
Tanu Weds Mannu (PG) Fri-Thu 5
Tron: Legacy (3D) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:50-5:05-9:40
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True Grit (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:20-6:45-9:20
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:45-9:20
Unknown (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-6:50-9:40
The Wizard of Oz (STC) Wed 7

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Carlos (14A) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
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Mars Needs Moms An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-5:00-7:15-9:45
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Black Swan (14A) Fri 12:25-4:5-5:15-7:50-10:20 Sat 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Sun 12:24-5:15-7:50-10:20 Mon-Wed 1:55-4:30-7:25-9:25 Sun 1:55-4:30-7:25-9:25
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The Metropolitan Opera: Nixon in China Encore (STC) Sat 11
National Theatre Live: Frankenstein (STC) Thu 8
Rango (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-3:50-8:30 No Passes Sun 12:30-3:50-8:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:4-6:30 No Passes Thu 4-6:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-8:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20-3:30-5:30-8:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Red Riding Hood (PG) No Passes Fri 12:45-3:10-5:00-8:15-9:45 No Passes Sat 12:30-3:10-5:30-8:10-10:15 No Passes Sun 12:45-3:10-5:30-8:10-10:15 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:45-3:35-5:25-7:25-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
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Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Sat 5:15-8:20
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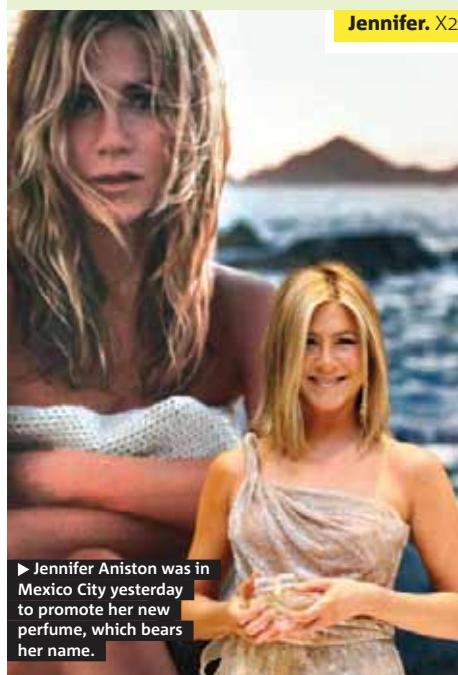
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Aniston getting serious

Actress Jennifer Aniston says some non-comedy movie projects are in her future, including a film based on the true story of an all-female country-western band that formed at a Texas prison in the 1940s.

An actor who is on his game

As in his new series *Endgame*, Patrick Gallagher seems to have a knack for making the right moves

The way Patrick Gallagher picks TV shows, he should be picking race horses. Every show is a winner, especially with critics. Besides *Glee*, he's either been a regular or had memorable roles on *Da Vinci's Inquest*, *Entourage*, *Men of a Certain Age* and *True Blood*.

The Canadian producers of his latest series are hoping the B.C. native's luck holds. The 42-year-old actor is set to star opposite Shawn Doyle in *Endgame*, a new Vancouver-based drama premiering March 14 on Showcase.

Doyle plays Arkady Balagan, a Russian chess master

who refuses to leave a luxurious Vancouver hotel after the murder of his fiancée outside the front entrance. Gallagher plays Hugo Lum, the hotel's burly head of security tasked to toss the Russian for not paying his bills.

Before you can say "checkmate," Balagan finds a way to stay solvent and not leave the premises: by solving crimes. By thinking several moves ahead, he applies his chess skills to detective work, drawing in helpers who act as his "pawns" around the hotel.

"I'm sort of his only antagonist," says Gallagher, interviewed earlier this

year on the set of the series.

Doyle and Gallagher do seem to relish their playful confrontations on the set. A scene set in front of the hotel lobby elevators produces laughs as take after take finds Balagan again holding Lum in check. It's like watching a tennis game where timing is the ball and nothing is out of bounds. "We developed that really early," says Gallagher. "It's been fun."

Doyle says Gallagher is a man of "great comic abilities" and admires the risks he takes to make Lum look lame. He says the character "tries to be smart, tries to be suave and swift,

and when he tries to be those things, he's even less so."

Over a relatively short career, Gallagher has acted opposite some of the biggest stars in show business. He played opposite Russell Crowe in *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* and joined Sandra Oh — whom he has known since their days studying at the National Theatre School of Canada — on the film *Sideways*. The box office hit *Night at the Museum* put him in the company of Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Owen Wilson.

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Eric Clapton's 1948 Gibson L-5P guitar sold for \$82,960, at an auction in New York Wednesday, well above its pre-sale estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Return to broadway

Green Day frontman Billie Joe Armstrong will return to the hit Broadway musical American Idiot for its final three weeks. Armstrong will return to the role he created as St. Jimmy on April 5.



Arrested

Police in Baltimore say Felicia (Snoop) Pearson, who appeared on the HBO series The Wire, is among about 30 people arrested in an early morning drug raid.

No Spidey senses

A day after a sixth delay was announced for Broadway's Spider-Man, its stars were in a cover story in The New York Post's Page Six Magazine. The lead time for the magazine is about a week.

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The audience gasped as a performer in Cirque du Soleil's Saltimbanco circled up a brass-coloured pole and stretched his body out into an extension perfectly perpendicular to the pole while his hands gripped it tightly.

As the acrobat slid down 20 feet to the floor, in pranced Daniel Buckland, Cirque du Soleil's only South African performer, clad in a blue sparkly pair of pyjamas and a long pointy hat.

Buckland murmured some phrases in a made-up language, dancing across the stage and seducing the Johannesburg audience into the show's dreamlike world.

Wednesday's opening performance in Johannesburg was the Montreal-based company's first-ever performance in Africa.

"Performing with Cirque is an absolute dream," said Buckland, who joined the company in January, and has since performed in France, Ger-

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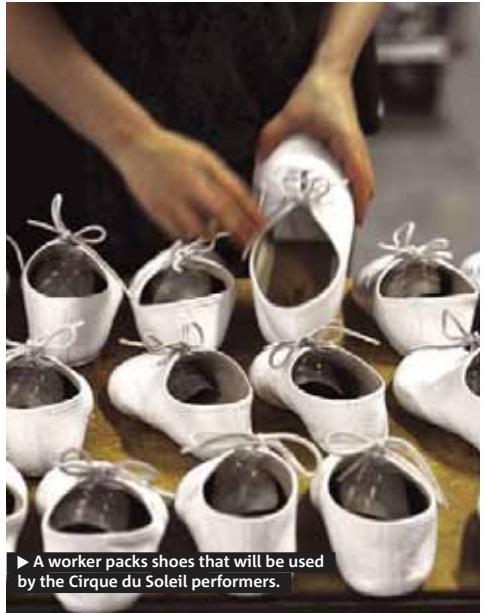
of South Africa. Cirque du Soleil, renowned for creating surreal atmospheres and showing captivating and awe-inspiring stunts, is reaching out to new audiences worldwide, said the company's spokesman Maxime Charbonneau.

In the past year the show, Saltimbanco, has been performed in Budapest and Croatia, new countries for the company.

After the success of the World Cup, the Cirque du Soleil organizers knew it was possible to bring the circus to South Africa too, Charbonneau said.

"Everywhere we go here, people say, 'Wow! Finally, this is cool,'" Charbonneau said.

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Cirque bio

- Cirque du Soleil is a Montreal-based travelling circus with more than 1,200 artists who have performed in almost 300 cities.
- Saltimbanco, from the Italian "saltare in banco," which means "to jump on a bench," is Cirque du Soleil's longest-running touring show, having travelled to Europe, North and South America, Australia, Japan and New Zealand and now South Africa since 1992.
- Cirque du Soleil joins a number of performances that are for the first time coming to Africa.
- The show's 50 artists, coming from 20 different countries, will perform Saltimbanco in Cape Town, South Africa from March 20 to April 3.

Dragons buy into mixed martial arts business

The co-owners of the Victoria-based Armageddon Fighting Championships left the Dragons' Den with their hands raised.

The two mixed martial arts promoters emerged with new investors after appearing on the CBC TV show, whose so-called Dragons grill entrepreneurs on their business ventures before deciding whether to buy in. AFC co-owners Jason Heit and Darren Owen had

asked for \$55,000 for 10 per cent of their company to help fund their growth.

In the episode that aired Wednesday, which was recorded in the fall, they brought along a ring girl and two fighters to help make their pitch. Three Dragons turned down the deal before Dragon Robert Herjavec, head of the Herjavec Group, offered \$55,000 for 40 per cent of the business. "We're not

willing to give up 40 per cent," said Owen. Dragon Jim Treliving, chairman of Boston Pizza and Global Entertainment Corporation, then offered \$55,000 for 25 per cent, offering up his U.S. contacts for the business. And Herjavec revised his bid for an additional five per cent for \$25,000 if they took Treliving's offer.

"Done deal," said Heit.

"Done," added Owen.

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Fans flock to Bieber

In a scene straight out of *A Hard Day's Night*, a huge crowd of Justin Bieber's fans kept the 17-year-old singer confined to his hotel room in Liverpool, England Thursday. "Love everybody but gonna try and get some sleep. Please don't scream. LOL," he tweeted.

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BANDS TO WATCH AT CANADIAN MUSIC WEEK, PART 2

Sound Check

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If you're anywhere in the vicinity of Toronto, you'll know that the city has been taken over by a mob of musicians and music fans who, by this time, are hung over and extremely sleep-deprived.

Such are the rituals of Canadian Music Week. With more than 800 acts from all over the planet in the midst of a five-day gigging marathon, the greatest challenge (next to preserving liver function) is figuring out which acts to see. Here are a few more recommendations

for the home stretch from Friday until Sunday night.

Alcoholic Faith Mission
The closest Denmark has ever come to replicating Broken Social Scene and the Arcade Fire. alcoholic-faithmission.com

Courage My Love
London, Ont., pop punk trio led by a couple of cutie-as-a-button 16-year-



► Janelle Monae

YouTube partners with universities

YouTube is partnering with universities to launch a new media program series for aspiring digital filmmakers.

The video-sharing website announced Thursday it would launch the YouTube Creator Institute with the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts and Columbia College Chicago.

It says the schools will

offer on-campus and online educational courses to its users so they can "hone their digital media skills and accelerate their YouTube careers."

Course work will range from cinematography to social media strategy.

Classes begin in May. Inaugural classes at USC and CCC will have 10 students each.

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old twin sisters on guitars and drums. Gene Simmons (yes, him) scouted them as possible signings for his record label. ilovecouragemylove.com

Ebsen and the Witch
Shoegaze fuzz from Brighton, England, enriched by a dollop of Siouxsie and the Banshees gothy-ness.

esbenandthewitch.co.uk

Hungary Kids of Hungary
Naturally, they're from Brisbane and part of a large Australian contingent at this year's festival. A good complement to anyone into Phoenix or Vampire Weekend. hungrykidsofhungary.com

James Vincent McMorrow

Former hardcore fan turned singer-songwriter with a wonderfully gentle and touching album called Early in the Morning that was written in a cabin overlooking the Irish Sea. jamesvmcmorrow.com

Janelle Monae
Part of the Bruno

Mars/B.o.B. showstopper performance at the Grammys, Monae released her debut record to much acclaim last year. jmonae.com.

A full schedule along with band profiles and details on how you can buy an all-access wristband can be found at cmw.net.

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► Albert (Jeremy Irvine) and his horse Joey in a scene from *War Horse*, directed by Steven Spielberg.

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Spielberg cooking up another war epic

Here's a Metro first look at director Steven Spielberg's next movie *War Horse*, which is slated to be released Dec. 28, 2011. *War Horse* is an epic adventure set at the outbreak of the First World War about a young boy named Albert (Jeremy Irvine) and his horse Joey. Albert's father sells Joey to the British cavalry and Albert travels to the battlefields of France to bring Joey home.

Sara Evans emerges Stronger after hiatus

Sara Evans says she's never one to make an autobiographical album. Yet you can't blame listeners for reading between the lines on her latest single, *A Little Bit Stronger*.

It deals with a woman slowly getting over a busted relationship and emerging stronger for the ordeal



— a lot like what has happened to Evans over the past five years.

She went through a very public divorce that forced her to pull out of *Dancing With The Stars* in 2006. Suddenly a single mom, she wasn't sure what her future would hold. How would she continue her career with three children to raise mostly alone?

Sounds just like the song, doesn't it?

"People say, 'A Little Bit Stronger' is totally about you,' and I'm like, 'It's really not,'" Evans said. "(Lady Antebellum's) Hillary Scott, Hillary Lindsey and Luke Laird wrote it. It's more about (Scott's) life. It's her story about a breakup that she went through, and I thought it was just such a fabulous song that I can totally take it on."

A Little Bit Stronger is the showstopper on the 40-year-old's latest album out this week.

Autobiographical or not, Evans has emerged from her divorce a stronger woman with the kind of life she had trouble imagining after the divorce.

A mutual friend set her up with former Alabama quarterback Jay Barker and

the two fell in love in five weeks. She married him and moved to Birmingham where the couple

now live with their blended family of seven children.

"I'm now completely at peace and I feel like I'm at home with Jay," Evans said. "It sort of feels like we knew each other as kids or something then didn't see each other and reunited. It's a bizarre thing how connected we were instantly." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Biebs is the bait

► Bieber, Bedingfield guest on Rascal Flatts' concert special

The members of Rascal Flatts hope to gain new fans with their ABC concert special. And they've got the perfect bait: Justin Bieber.

Turns out music's biggest heartthrob is a fan of the trio.

"It's funny because his mom turned him on to us," singer

Me, and we wanted to see if you guys would be interested in doing it."

Saturday night's special, *Rascal Flatts: Nothing Like This Presented by JC Penney*, will feature a never-seen clip from the video for *That Should Be Me* and behind-the-scenes footage of its making.

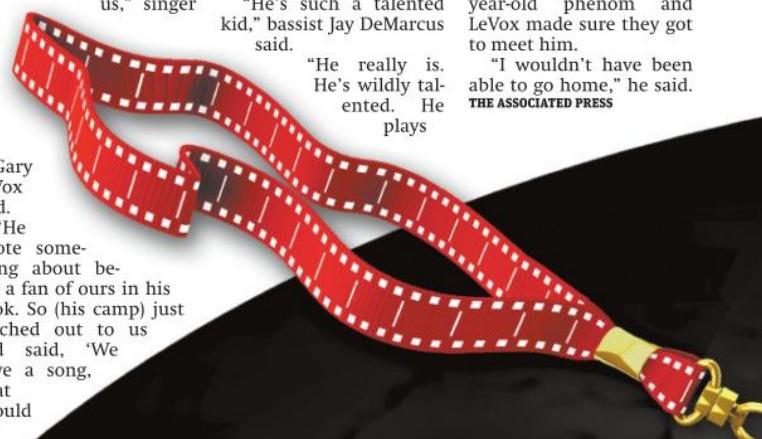
"He's such a talented kid," bassist Jay DeMarcus said.

"He really is. He's wildly talented. He plays

about 14 different instruments and he sings all day long. It's just really, really inspiring to see somebody so fired up and focused on music because he's eaten alive with it."

LeVox is familiar with the demographic Bieber draws. His young daughters are fans of the 17-year-old phenom and LeVox made sure they got to meet him.

"I wouldn't have been able to go home," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Gary
LeVox
said.

"He
wrote some-
thing about be-
ing a fan of ours in his
book. So (his camp) just
reached out to us
and said, 'We
have a song,
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The Scotiabank International Movie Lovers Contest

Moore set to play Palin

Julianne Moore is set to play former vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin in an upcoming TV film.

HBO Films said Wednesday that Moore will star in the film *Game Change*, which follows John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign from

when he chose Palin as his running mate through their defeat in the general election. The film is based on the bestselling book of the same name.

No other cast members were announced, and HBO did not say when production on the film

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► Lubna Azabal poses with her Genie award for performance by an actress in a leading role for Incendies at the 31st Genie Awards in Ottawa on Thursday.

Incendies tops Genies

► The drama won a leading eight awards ► Barney's Version takes seven

Denis Villeneuve's Oscar-nominated saga *Incendies* blazed through the Genie Awards to claim Canada's top film prizes Thursday, clinching wins for best film, best director, best adapted screenplay and best actress.

Last year, the soft-spoken Quebec director swept the field with his haunting, black-and-white rendering of the Montreal massacre, *Polytechnique*.

Despite the back-to-back triumphs, Villeneuve moaned a lack of support for francophone films in English Canada.

"Last year I won for *Polytechnique*. I won nine Genie awards. I made the front page everywhere in Quebec. But here, in the *Globe and Mail*, I was just beside dead people, at the end of the last page," Villeneuve said on the red carpet before the trophies were handed out.

Barney's Version, the cinematic adaptation of Mordecai Richler's sprawling final novel, followed close behind *Incendies* with seven prizes, including acting trophies for stars Paul Giamatti, Dustin Hoffman and Minnie Driver.

The Hollywood heavyweights were notably absent at the ceremony, leaving the presenters to accept the trophies on their behalf.

Giamatti took the best actor prize for his portrayal of curmudgeonly, hockey-mad pro-

tagonist Barney Panofsky, widely seen as an alter-ego of Richler himself. In January, the *Sideways* star also won a Golden Globe for the role, using his acceptance speech to profess his love for Canada and Montreal, where the film was shot.

"I'm very, very sorry not to be there in person this evening," Giamatti said in a statement read by co-star Rachelle Lefevre.

"To be acknowledged in the country that produced this great film, the tremendous novel it's based on and the uniquely brilliant Mordecai Richler, is pleasing and moving to me beyond words."

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Friends fear X-tina headed for disaster

► New boyfriend said to be enabling hard partying ways since her divorce

With a divorce, flubbing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl and getting arrested for public intoxication, it hasn't been a great few months for Christina Aguilera, and some close to the singer think she's spiraling out of control, according to Star magazine.

"Christina's lost her confidence since she split from Jordan (Bratman)," a source says. "She gets terribly sad, and that's when all the awful memories come flooding back and she ends up numbing herself with booze and food."

Friends also think Aguilera's new boyfriend, Matt Rutler, is "an enabler" and isn't helping matters. Rutler was arrested alongside Aguilera earlier this month.

"Everyone is worried sick," says a concerned friend. "She needs to get help before something even more serious happens." **► METRO**

"Everyone is worried sick. She needs to get help before something even more serious happens."

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Lohan turns down a new plea deal

PEOPLE. The day before she was due back in court for her felony theft charge, Lindsay Lohan rejected a plea deal made by the district attorney, sending her case to trial, according to Radar Online.

Judge Keith Schwartz indicated he would give Lindsay less than the six months the DA was seeking, if she pleaded in front of him, a source tells the website. "(Lohan's lawyer) Shawn Holley was asking for no jail time, but the judge said he would sentence her to a minimum of 60 days, but likely not longer than 90 days." Lohan is accused of stealing a \$2,500 necklace from a jewelry store. **► METRO**

Celebrity tweets



Neil Patrick Harris
[@Actually-NPH] HIMYM

picked up for 2 more years! Yahoo! With so much job security, I should buy something extravagant. Like a pony. Or some gold teeth!



Howard Stern
[@Howard-Stern]

tweeting from my mac right now great machine. still getting familiar with it. I'm set in my ways



Charlie Sheen
[@charlie-sheen]

hey Guinness, might wanna start writing them in pencil. #checkit ; you've been warned.



Stephen Fry
[@stephen-fry]

More filming today. All in the London area this time. Good to know it's one's own bed, and not a hotel room, that awaits at day's end. **► METRO**

Keeping the future king in line

PEOPLE. Kate Middleton is getting ready to walk down the aisle with Prince William and live happily ever after, and author Christopher Anderson says it's William who should be the most grateful.

"(Princes William and Harry) do drink a

lot," Anderson tells Popeteer. "That's where Kate comes in. One of the great jobs she's been able to perform is pulling William back from the edge a bit. You always see them coming out of those bars, and ... she's in good shape." **► METRO**

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Believe it or not, more than one million pints of Guinness stout will be drunk across Canada this coming St. Patrick's Day.

If you think you're missing something in your glass because you're not having one in Ireland, you're wrong. If I learned one thing during my trip there last fall, it was that Guinness tastes the same from a tap in Belfast, Galway, Cork and Dublin as it does from anywhere in our country.

What you might have trouble believing is that the liquid inside a can of Guinness Draught (4 x 440 ml, \$10.95 to \$12.49) also tastes the same as a freshly poured pint from any tavern on the Emerald Isle.

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Last month, a fast-paced, high-pressure cooking competition saw eight culinary students from across the country compete for the title of Canadian Regional S. Pellegrino Almost Famous Chef.

And the winner was Jean-Francois Daigle of Toronto's George Brown College.

He wowed the judges with all the right kitchen moves and, of course, his dish — Honey Seared Bison Tenderloin with Apple Parsnip Purée.

With this coveted title, Daigle, and nine other regional winners from across North America, will compete during the three-day finals in Napa Valley, Calif., which start today.

The overall winner will take the title, up to \$20,000 and a paid apprenticeship from one of the participating judges.

"I feel very humbled to have won this competition against the great talent of my fellow competitors," says Daigle.

"Although I was nervous presenting to the judges,

"I believed in my vision. I've learned from a number of great chefs and it's this learning that helped me achieve this honour."

Check out Daigle's winning recipe and try getting creative in your own kitchen this weekend.



Honey Seared Bison Tenderloin with Apple Parsnip Purée by Jean-Francois Daigle

Preparation:

1 Apple Parsnip Purée: In a pot of boiling water, cook parsnips, covered, for 15 minutes or until tender. Add apples, cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until very tender. Drain and puree in a food processor until smooth. Whisk in cream and mustard and season to taste with salt and pepper; keep warm.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) beef broth
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) dry red wine
- 1 cup (250 mL) each diced carrots and onion
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) diced celery
- 2 bay leaves

2 Meanwhile, in saucepan bring stock, wine, carrots, celery, onion, bay leaves and peppercorns to a boil. Simmer until reduced to 2-1/2 cups (625 mL). Remove bay leaves and discard.

3 Sprinkle tenderloin with salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet, in batches sear both sides of the tenderloin and place on lightly greased baking sheet. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with thyme. Roast in 425 F

- 1 tsp (5 mL) whole black peppercorns
- 1 lb buffalo or beef tenderloin, about 2 lbs/1 kg, cut into 8 equal portions
- Sea salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil or garlic oil
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) honey
- 2 tsp (10 mL) fresh thyme

(220 C) oven for 5 to 7 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted in centre reaches 145 F (63 C) for medium-rare.

4 Spoon apple parsnip puree in centre of plate and top with tenderloin and spoon vegetable sauce around plate.

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Apple Parsnip Purée

- 1 lb (500 g) parsnips, peeled and chopped
- 1 lb (500 g) apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) 35% whipping cream, hot
- 2 tsp (10 mL) Dijon mustard
- Salt and white pepper

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Food court choices



Food courts are packed with unhealthy choices. Samara Foisy, a registered dietitian at the Heart and Stroke Foundation, offers nutritious navigation advice.

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Edmonton (23-37-8) hit a new low Wednesday with a 5-0 loss to Washington. The league's worst team is in the middle of a tough road trip, having lost two in a row to Eastern Conference powers. After Detroit, the Oilers play a difficult match at Pittsburgh on Sunday before finally returning home.



Detroit (39-20-8) has a chance to sweep the season series against Edmonton. The Red Wings have beaten the Oilers three times so far. They could use a boost — Detroit is on a four-game winless streak with Chicago just one point behind in the divisional race.

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Favourites rule at Brier

- Gushue, Stoughton, Martin and Howard lock up playoff spots
- Northern Ontario was the only rink with a chance to crack the top four



► Newfoundland and Labrador skip Brad Gushue throws his rock while playing against Quebec on Thursday.

No surprise teams this time around.

The favourites came through in round-robin play this week at the Tim Hortons Brier. Ontario's Glenn Howard, Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton, Alberta's Kevin Martin and Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador all reached the playoffs while Northern Ontario came up just short Thursday afternoon.

Martin locked up the final playoff spot with a dramatic 7-6 victory over the Northwest Territories/Yukon. The Alberta skip hit a double-

Playoff format

The winner of Friday's 1-2 playoff game advances to the final.

The loser will play in the semifinal Saturday night against the winner of the 3-4 game from earlier that day for a spot in the final.

raise takeout to score two with the final throw of the 10th end.

"It was probably the only shot I made that game," said Martin, who shot just

60 per cent.

The seeding was settled in the round-robin finale Thursday night at the John Labatt Centre. Martin defeated Howard 6-5 while Gushue locked up the top seed with a 9-7 win over Quebec.

Gushue will meet Stoughton in the 1-2 Page Playoff game with the winner to advance straight to Sunday night's final. Martin and Howard will square off again in the 3-4 game Saturday afternoon.

"It's just one of those weeks," Gushue said. "Things seem to be going

well and we're making the big shot at the right time. I think we're coming in a little bit looser than we have in the past as well and not putting as much pressure on ourselves."

Northern Ontario was the only rink with a chance to crack the top four at the start of play Thursday but it was a long-shot at best. Skip Brad Jacobs, a surprise playoff participant last year, beat New Brunswick's James Grattan 6-1 but was eliminated when Martin beat Jamie Koe.

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Heat break out of slump in style against L.A.

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HEAT LAKERS

The first chore for the Miami Heat is done: They're in the playoffs.

That's no surprise.

Snapping a five-game slide by beating the NBA's hottest team to get there, well, that might not have been what everyone saw coming.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points, Dwyane Wade added eight of his 20 in the fourth quarter and the Heat ended their losing streak by beating the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers 94-88 on Thursday night, the earliest Miami has secured a post-season bid in franchise history.

LeBron James finished with 19 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for the Heat, and Mike Miller scored 12 for Miami.

Kobe Bryant scored 24 points for the Lakers, whose eight-game winning streak was snapped. Pau Gasol added 20 and Andrew Bynum finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Bosh — who said after Tuesday's loss to Portland that he would demand the ball more often in the low post — made six of his first seven attempts and had 16 points in the first half.

Miller added 11 by halftime, only the second time he'd reached double digits in the first two quarters all season, the other memorably being the 24-point blitz en route to a 32-point effort on Jan. 22 against Toronto.

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Eskimos sign former NFL player

The Edmonton Eskimos signed former NFL linebacker Quinton Culberson on Thursday.

Culberson played 14 games in 2007 for the St. Louis Rams, posting 16 defensive tackles, 17 special teams tackles and one forced fumble.

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Business as usual for NHLers

"No one likes to see guys get carried off on stretchers, it's not what our game's about, but there's risks involved in playing."

LEAFS DEFENCEMAN MIKE KOMISAREK

News that Montreal police have opened a criminal investigation into Zdeno Chara's hit on Max Pacioretty hasn't seemed to deter the men who play the game for a living.

"Well, there's always some prosecutors who would like to get their names in the papers, is what I'm thinking," Flyers

defenceman Sean O'Donnell said before facing the Maple Leafs Thursday.

I don't know. I understand some people looking at what happened (in) the unfortunate case of Steve Moore, and the unfortunate case of (Donald) Brashear. But this is a bang-bang play.

"There was no stick

brought up, there was no punch — I don't think there's a lot of ground for those guys to stand on."

Several players noted that there hasn't been a noticeable change in the way the sport is policed since the Todd Bertuzzi-Steve Moore incident from March 2004.

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Tampa Bay	67	38	21	3	5	200	203	84	22-8-1-4	16-13-2-1	4-0-0-2	W1
Montreal	68	37	24	4	3	181	172	81	21-8-3-3	16-16-1-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Buffalo	67	33	26	7	1	193	174	74	14-15-2-1	19-11-5-0	6-2-1-1	W1
NY Rangers	69	35	30	2	2	195	169	74	15-17-2-1	20-13-1-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Carolina	67	31	26	5	5	193	204	72	18-10-2-2	13-16-3-3	4-4-1-1	L2
Toronto	68	29	29	5	5	178	209	68	15-13-3-4	14-16-2-1	4-2-2-2	L3
Atlanta	67	28	28	4	7	187	216	67	14-14-1-5	14-18-3-2	3-6-0-1	W2
New Jersey	66	30	32	3	1	170	64	81	20-11-2-1	15-18-0-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Florida	68	27	32	5	4	167	188	63	13-14-5-3	14-18-0-1	2-6-2-0	L1
NY Islanders	68	26	32	5	5	215	62	53	15-15-4-2	11-17-1-4	5-2-2-1	W1
Ottawa	67	24	34	5	4	151	208	57	11-18-2-3	13-16-3-1	6-4-0-0	W2

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk	
IP	Vancouver	68	43	16	4	5	225	158	95	23-7-1-4	20-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W3
d-Detroit	67	39	20	5	3	226	195	86	17-11-2-3	22-9-2-1	4-4-1-1	L1	
d-San Jose	67	39	22	4	2	188	169	84	18-11-2-1	21-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	W1	
Chicago	68	37	24	2	5	223	190	81	21-14-0-4	16-10-3-4	8-1-0-1	L2	
Phoenix	69	35	23	7	4	197	169	81	21-11-4-2	18-12-3-2	4-4-1-1	L1	
Edmonton	70	36	25	3	6	211	199	81	21-10-1-3	15-15-2-3	6-3-0-1	L1	
Calgary	67	36	23	3	5	187	190	80	18-9-2-4	18-14-1-1	4-4-2-0	L1	
Los Angeles	67	37	25	3	2	185	164	79	20-11-2-0	17-14-2-1	5-3-1-1	W1	
Nashville	68	34	24	6	4	173	159	78	16-7-4-3	18-18-1-1	3-5-1-1	W1	
Allegre	67	36	26	3	2	187	195	77	21-11-1-1	15-15-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1	
Minnesota	68	35	26	2	5	176	180	77	17-13-1-3	18-13-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1	
Columbus	66	31	26	4	5	180	71	70	16-13-2-1	15-13-3-3	3-3-1-3	L1	
St. Louis	68	30	29	4	5	192	202	71	20-11-3-3	11-12-3-2	4-6-0-0	W3	
Colorado	66	26	32	7	1	187	229	60	14-16-4-0	12-16-3-1	1-7-1-1	L1	
Edmonton	68	23	37	1	7	170	224	54	12-19-1-3	11-18-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2	
Calgary	67	23	37	1	7	170	224	54	12-19-1-3	11-18-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2	
d — division leaders ranked 1-2 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.													

Last night's results

Ottawa 2 Florida 1	Los Angeles 2 Detroit 1
Philadelphia 3 Toronto 2	St. Louis 4 Columbus 3 (OT)
Phoenix 3 Calgary 0	Tampa Bay 4 Chicago 3 (SO)
St. Louis 4 Montreal 1	Tonight's games
Buffalo 4 Boston 3 (OT)	(all time Eastern)
Nashville 4 Minnesota 0	Boston at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose	Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Wednesday's results	Edmonton at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Calgary 4 Dallas 3 (SO)	Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Washington 5 Edmonton 0	New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Kelheim 5 N.Y. Rangers 2	Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta 2 (OT)	Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
	Anahiem at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Flyers 3, Maple Leafs 2

First Period	1. Ottawa, Karlsson 10 (Kuba, Foligno) 11:12
d-Philadelphia, Meszaros 6 (Giroux, Briere) 4:55 (pp)	2. Ottawa, Karlsson 11 (Gonchar, Spezza) 14:50 (pp)
Penalties — Komisarek Tor (boarding major, served by Lupu) 3:45, O'Donnell Pha, Versteeg 7:48, Brown Tor (roughing) 16:08.	3. Florida, Wilson 2 (Bergfors, Repik) 15:47
Second Period	Penalties — Lessard Ott (charging major, game misconduct) 2:40, Santorelli Fla (hooking) 13:37.
Philadelphia, Powe 6 (Carle) 9:36	Shots on goal by
Toronto, Grabovski 26 (Phaneuf, MacArthur) 10:23 (pp)	Ottawa 14 12 13—39
Philadelphia, Giroux 22 (van Riemsdyk, Carter) 7:40	Florida 7 11 16—34
Penalties — Hartnell Pha (cross-checking), Powe Tor (slashing) 5:32, Phaneuf Tor (slashing) 6:59, Boynton Pha (hooking) 10:18.	Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (WV,19-18-3); Florida: Vokoun (L21-24-5). Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa 1-4; Florida 0-4.
Third Period	Att. — 12,310 (17,040) at Sunrise, Fla.
5. Toronto, Lupul 9 (Brown, Brent) 7:56	BLUES 4, CANADIENS 1
Penalties — Versteeg Pha (tripping) 4:40, Giroux Pha (roughing), Gunnarsson for (cross-checking) 15:31.	First Period
Shots on goal by	1. Montreal, Halpern 11 (Picard, Mara) 12:30
Philadelphia 12 14 7 —33	2. St. Louis, Backes 24 (McDonald) 18:59
Toronto 9 13 7 —29	Penalties — Crombeen STL (goal tender interference) 2:57, Cammalleri Mtl (interference) 6:06.
Goal — Philadelphia: Boucher: (W,16-8-2); Toronto: Reimer (L12-6-4). Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia 1-3; Toronto 1-3. Attendance — 19,475 (18,819) at Toronto.	Second Period

SENATORS 2, PANTHERS 1

First Period	1. Ottawa, Halpern 11 (Picard, Mara) 12:30
Philadelphia 12 14 7 —33	2. St. Louis, Backes 24 (McDonald) 18:59
Toronto 9 13 7 —29	Penalties — Crombeen STL (goal tender interference) 2:57, Cammalleri Mtl (interference) 6:06.
Goal — Philadelphia: Boucher: (W,16-8-2); Toronto: Reimer (L12-6-4). Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia 1-3; Toronto 1-3. Attendance — 19,475 (18,819) at Toronto.	Third Period
SENATORS 2, PANTHERS 1	4. St. Louis, D'Agostini 14 (McDonald) 18:31
Philadelphia 5 12 6 —34	5. St. Louis, Oshie 8 (Berglund) 19:37 (en-sh)
Toronto 9 13 7 —29	Penalties — Plekanec Mtl, Backes STL (holding) 8:33, Backes STL (holding) 19:30.
Goal — Montreal: Price (L,32-22-6); St. Louis: Halak (W,21-17-6). Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-3; St. Louis: 0-3. Att. — 19,150 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.	Shots on goal by

No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

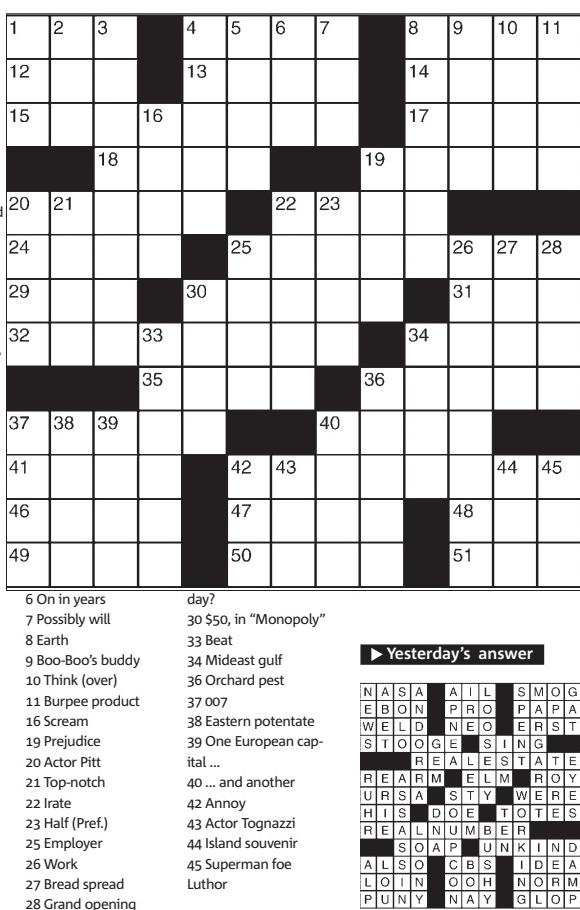
Crossword**Across**

1 Triangular sail
4 Fermi's bit
8 Workout venues
12 Old French coin
13 Gaucho's weapon
14 Lothario
15 Meddler
17 14-Across' look
18 Ship-building wood
19 Erect
20 Juggler's props
22 Beard site
24 Agitate
25 Loaf keeper
29 Curry of NBC News
30 Times of prosperity
31 Einstein's birth-place
32 Popular TV school
34 Cruising
35 Greet the villain
36 Francisco's farewell
37 Aquamarine or emerald
40 Remove the lid
41 Skip
42 "Sex and the City" writer

45 Approaching
47 Wrinkly fruit
48 Witness
49 Apothecary measure
50 Suitable
51 Touchdown score

Down

1 Dubya's brother
2 Hosp. area
3 Very active
4 Mahmoud of the PLO
5 Stole

**Today's horoscope****Aries** March 21-April 20

Don't let others know what is going on in that busy brain of yours today. The Sun in Pisces at this time of year tends to make you more secretive.

Taurus April 21-May 21 You won't be disappointed if someone lets you down today because you weren't keen on what you were going to do together anyway. If you have free time, use it well.

Gemini May 22-June 21 Success in any worthwhile endeavour comes to those who know what they want and how to go about getting it. There are no shortcuts to the goal you have set yourself but because it is clear in your mind you'll reach it eventually.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Make sure your mind is occupied today. It means you are less likely to dwell on doubts and fears that might hold you back. The game of life is easy. It's only people's silly insecurities that make it seem tough.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Someone will delight in telling you what you are doing wrong today and you won't be happy about it. Who are they to point out your failings? Well, they know what they are talking about.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Sometimes, you can be too trusting and the planets warn you should think twice before giving anyone the benefit of the doubt today. Do they have evidence to back up their claims?

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Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Let other people run around after you for a change. You've done more than your share of errands in recent days, so put up your feet and take things easy today and over the weekend.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 It will pay you to seek advice today, especially if you have to do something you have never done before. Confidence won't be enough, so be realistic and get help from the experts.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Not all is what it seems at the moment, so don't be too trusting and don't put all your eggs in one basket. One of the better times of the year is not far away, so there is no need to take any chances.

Sudoku

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7	9						4	2	
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Rebecca,
The past year has been the absolute best of my life with someone as special as you to share it with. I love you more than anything for a million and a half reasons <3 FUZZY FISH

Vince, Every day with you is the best day of my life. It keeps getting better. Looking forward to growing old with you xoxo SHANN

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



1	7	9	2	3	5	4	8	6
4	6	8	9	1	7	2	5	3
5	2	3	8	6	4	7	9	1
2	5	7	1	8	6	9	3	4
6	3	1	5	4	9	8	2	7
9	8	4	3	7	2	6	1	5
7	9	2	4	5	1	3	6	8
3	1	6	7	2	8	5	4	9
8	4	5	6	9	3	1	7	2

A look at the weather

TODAY Min -18° Max -12° **SATURDAY** Min -17° Max -3° **SUNDAY** Min -6° Max 1°

Michele McDougall  **Weather Specialist**

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